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Karachi violence

KARACHI (AP): Gunmen firing from roving vans during a curfew break killed at least four people, raising the death toll to 11 in four days of ethnic violence in Karachi, officials have said.

PLO-Syria ties

BAGHDAD, (Reuters): Syria's rapprochement with the PLO is at a preliminary stage, but the dialogue will continue, a Palestinian source has said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Paris expels
Arab mediator
in hostage
negotiations

PARIS, May 4. (AP): Omran Adham, a Syrian businessman who has undertaken several mediation missions for the release of French hostages in Lebanon, was expelled from France last night. Arab diplomatic and French government sources said.

They said the Interior Ministry used a special administrative procedure. "Absolute urgency," to expel Adham, who is said to be close to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

The procedure means judicial approval is not necessary. It is also used to expel Basque separatists to Spain.

The expulsion order was signed by Interior Minister Charles Pasqua and Adham left last night by plane for another European capital, the sources said.

The ministry declined to comment. The Syrian Embassy also had no comment.

Adham has a Syrian diplomatic passport but is not on the official diplomatic list issued by the Foreign Ministry. He has resided in Paris for 11 years and his wife and four children are French.

Statements

The sources said Pasqua, who is close to Premier Jacques Chirac, was annoyed by Adham's persistent statements to the media about an imminent release of the three hostages just before the first round of the presidential elections on April 24.

A close aide to Pasqua, Jean Charles Marchiani, made several trips to the Middle East in the weeks before voting to try to obtain the release of the hostages held by Islamic Jihad.

The French hostages are two diplomats, Fontaine, 45, and Marcel Curton, 62, and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann, 44.

They are among 18 foreigners missing in Lebanon. Terry Anderson, 40, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, has been held the longest of current hostages.

French press reports said release of the hostages before the voting was imminent.

Walesa presses for economic reforms

Poland warned of revolution

GDANSK, May 4. (AP): Solidarity founder Lech Walesa, emerging as the dominant figure in a strike by 7,000 Lenin Shipyard workers, warned of "a bloody revolution" if reform is not achieved.

Walesa, 44, vowed he would not lead the strike, but addressed workers several times Tuesday as a Solidarity-led sit-in strike for higher pay and reinstatement of the outlawed free trade union entered its third day.

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unist Party daily Pravda today accused Western "anti-Polish centres," including radio networks, of encouraging renewed unrest in Poland, and criticised Lech Walesa and other Solidarity leaders.

The newspapers denied that Poland's May Day festivities had been marred by demonstrations. Eyewitnesses and opposition sources reported violence in at least eight Polish cities on May Day.

The May Day clashes followed Poland's worst week of labour unrest since Polish communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in December 1981 to crush the Solidarity free trade union.

Pravda, in its fullest account of the strikes to date, said they started in Poland on April 25 following major increases in food and consumer goods prices.

But the paper charged the unrest was fanned by the West.

Jammu calls off search for survivors

11 more children rescued

JAMMU, India, May 4. (UPI): Workers rescued 11 children, trapped for more than 24 hours under the rubble of a collapsed hospital in northern India last night, before calling off the search for survivors of the tragedy that left at least 32 dead.

"There are no more signs of life," said Kashmir state Health Minister R.S. Chiv in announcing an end to the rescue operation.

More than 200 military and paramilitary personnel worked into the night with picks, shovels and their bare hands after the Monday morning collapse of the top two floors of the government children's hospital in Jammu, the winter capital of Kashmir.

The rescue workers pulled out 11 children trapped for more than 24 hours in a tangle of steel beams, rods and slabs of concrete, that was once the three-story medical facility, 550 km north of New Delhi.

"They looked very scared," said a witness, who saw the children emerge one by one from the mountain of debris.

Officials said all 11 children were injured, three of them critically, bringing the total injury toll to 30. The Maharajah Hari Singh Hospital said 19 people admitted to the facility were out of danger.

Rescue supervisor, Brig. H.S. Ghuman, said searchers had retrieved 17 bodies. He said workers located but were not able to recover 15 other bodies, bringing the confirmed death toll to 32.

Gen. R.S. Taraji, who headed the operation, said workers will continue to search for bodies for at least three more days.

There were still conflicting reports on the exact number of children, visiting parents and hospital staff in the facility at the time of the cave-in.

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in the facility Monday when the unoccupied top story collapsed, causing the middle floor to also crumble. The ground floor remained standing, crowded by tons of debris.

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KUWAIT

Security patrols

Round-the-clock surveillance

IN AN interview with the daily Al Seyassah, the director of the Capital Security Colonel Salman Abdurahim stated that the governorate's patrols were on a "round-the-clock surveillance" in different areas of the capital and closely cooperated with the Kuwait Coast Guards. These activities, he said, were meant to deter those trying to violate the security of Kuwait and its citizens, including a checking campaign of those violating the residence law and procedures. As a consequence, he stated, there was no need for setting up of new police stations in the governorate.

Rotation of responsibilities approved

MINISTER of Communications, Abdullah Al Sharhan approved a rotation decision shifting responsibilities of senior officials at the ministry.

The decision relieved Mohammad Saud Al Anjary from being Assistant Undersecretary and appointed him as counsellor at the ministry's office.

Sager Saleh Al Soodan was given the responsibility of transportation affairs, while Faisal Yousef Al Majed was put in charge of planning and development affairs. Salman Yousef Al Roumi is now responsible for technical affairs and managerial affairs was assigned to Ahmad Rashed Al Hmaidah.

All positions are at the rank of Assistant Undersecretary.

Under the decision, revealed on Thursday, the position of chief engineer is cancelled and the telegraph and telephone services department is charged into the subscribers services.

Al Sharhan recrossed Al Khalid Abdul Latif Al Houti to be in charge of the subscribers services department with the rank of Assistant Undersecretary.

In addition, Al Sharhan decided to incorporate the legal affairs office and the foreign relations office with the office of the undersecretary.

Mixed reactions to vehicle fee

A RECENT traffic control recommendation, requiring those who have more than one vehicle registered in their name to pay a fee has been met with mixed reactions.

Some citizens have appealed to the authorities requesting that the recommendation not be endorsed because of the financial burden it will cause.

An argument has also been made that such a measure would have no effect on reducing accidents.

Others have expressed approval of the recommendation saying it will reduce the number of cars on the road and decrease air pollution. Those in favour of the measure have expressed the opinion that some of the people with many cars have more than they need and have them only for show. These people will quickly get rid of the extra cars if an official decision is made, those favouring the recommendation claim.

Others against the recommendation said that fathers sometimes register their children's cars in their name when they are below legal age.

Experts to study land caving-in

STATE Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan affirmed yesterday that foreign experts who arrived in Kuwait to study the subsiding of land in Dhaheer and Hediya will make complete survey of all areas in the country that are allocated for housing projects.

A piece of land subsided in Dhaheer area and led to the collapse of some of the houses.

Summer club activities

THERE will be new and expanded activities at the summer clubs run by youth centres and children's gardens this year, the assistant undersecretary for youth affairs at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroe, said recently.

He told a local newspaper that the ministry will take part in the youth camp to be held in Alexandria from June 18 to Aug 31.

as the current ones were sufficient.

Colonel Abdurahim praised the security awareness prevailing amongst citizens and expatriates and lauded the cooperation between the security authorities and the public. He strongly suggested that the ministry was very keen on upholding the reputation of its men and inefficiency was not tolerated.

Surveys

The role of the coast guards in providing the necessary protection in the country's regional waters and in arresting infiltrators was commended upon by

Abdurahim. He also added that the coast guards were in the process of making comprehensive and continuous surveys around the coasts of Kuwait.

He called on banks, institutions, administrations, owners of establishments and shops to ensure that they possessed the necessary safe-guards such as, secured gates, warning alarms, etc., which would assist security men in performing their duties expeditiously.

Colonel Abdurahim urged the setting up of a new study to focus on the problems of housemaids as he believed this was a serious problem which called for immediate solutions. He concluded by recommending to citizens and expatriates alike not to keep valuables, handbags, or items of importance inside their unlocked cars as these would only invite and encourage thieves.

Fast-food restaurants spreading fast

Eating habits changing

A LOCAL newspaper interviewed a cross-section of fast-food restaurant owners and stated that the rapid spread of fast food caterers, has changed many of the local food habits, especially during the holy month of Ramadan.

A Malayalee officer will join the Indian Embassy staff in June, according to the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) representatives.

Sinha has reportedly assured UMO that he would send a "detailed report" to the government "about the hardships faced by Indians due to frequent airfare hikes in Kuwait."

Sinha met with the newly elected UMO officers N. V. K. Warrier, Augustine Alamatol, Pandalam Bashir, Yousef Thaikulam and the outgoing members N. V. Hyder Ali, Abu Varicad and Stephen Joseph.

Shops in model areas under review

New Paci phone numbers

THE Public Authority for Civil Information announced a change in its telephone numbers allocated to answer citizens' and expatriates' queries.

An authority official told Kuma that as of May 1st the following three telephone numbers 2638344-1626522-2666983 will be cancelled and all those wishing to inquire on their identity cards with the authority should dial the nine new numbers starting with 2658520 and ending 2658528.

He added that the increase was necessary to meet the growing number of telephone calls and asked citizens and expatriates to use the new numbers if they wish to inquire about postal services and issuance of new civil IDs and how to collect them.

Kuwait again refutes Iranian allegations

KUWAIT on Tuesday sent a message to chief executive of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Sharifuddin Pirzada refuting again Iran's allegations that Iraq used a Kuwaiti island in attacking Iranian forces.

The letter to Pirzada was sent by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi who emphasised that Kuwait had not permitted any non-Kuwaiti force to deploy on, or use, its territories, airspace or territorial waters.

Iran made the accusation against Kuwait last month and Kuwait was quick to deny it flatly and told the world community at the time that the allegation could be used by Tehran as a pretext to attack

ranged between 150 to 200 kilograms of meat each day. On ordinary days, sales according to him were 40 per cent higher than during Ramadan —averaging between KD750 to KD800 daily —not including Thursdays and Fridays when sales peak to KD1,300 per day.

Concentrate

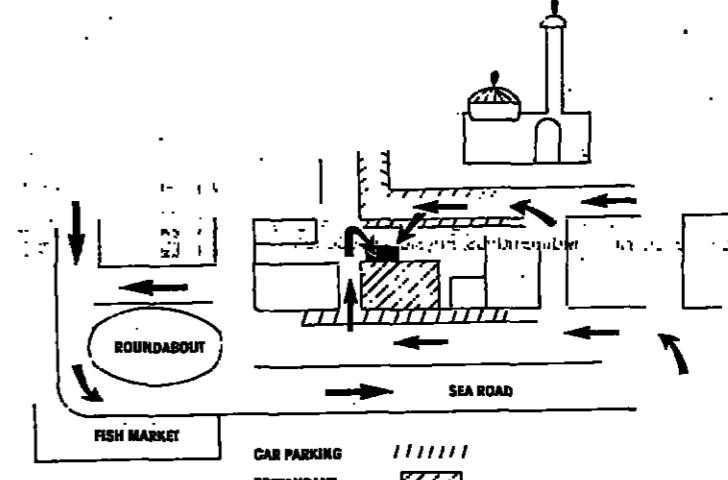
A manager at one of the big restaurants in Salmiya was quoted as saying that most restaurants in Kuwait concentrate on selling confectionaries, soft-drinks and ice-creams. His own customers he stated were mostly children.

The newspaper went on to add that the general opinion is that most restaurants and hotels in particular cater to and depend on high income from affluent customers and that there is a 60 per cent drop in sales of foods and sandwiches during the holy month of Ramadan.

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Committees to study duplication of work

THE Council of Ministers set up four committees to study duplication of activities between Kuwait Municipality and the Ministries of Public Health, Commerce and Industry, the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, and Finance (Department of State Properties).

The committees have held several meetings to study the logistics of duplication from the technical point of view. The final report was reviewed by the Council of Ministers. It is expected that amendments will be issued which would avoid duplication of work between the municipality and the relevant ministries. These amendments would lead to the ultimate reduction in the number of departments in these ministries.

The committees consisted of the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and the ministers of the other four ministries mentioned above. Problem solving is expected to begin within the coming two weeks.

US envoy

STATE Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saad Mohammed Al Oasiri, yesterday received US ambassador, Wilson Nathaniel Howell and discussed with him the Gulf war and links between Kuwait and Washington. The in-

stitute was holding a one-day seminar on the "US and Gulf Security." Sheikh Saud made his appearance before foreign policy experts following a morning address by former Secretary of Defence, Caspar Weinberger, who was the architect of America's current policy towards the Gulf.

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In his two-hour appearance at the seminar, Sheikh Saud also outlined Kuwait's support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"If Iraq does not accept a political settlement and ceasefire, we will continue to urge the Security Council members to adopt a second resolution calling for an arms embargo against any party that refuses to abide by resolution 598," he emphasized.

Sheikh Saud added, "until the Iranians accept a ceasefire, we can only assume that the war will go on...we hope, but we do not expect it to end in the near future."

The Kuwaiti diplomat made these and other comments on the situation in the Gulf and Kuwait's foreign policy at a major appearance before the John Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute of Washington. The in-

stitutes as their sole responsibility and not that of any power in the world.

But he refused to predict whether the recent Iraqi liberation of Faw would force Iran to come to the negotiating table or would make it more militant and belligerent.

"But we believe the time is ripe for a solution. Most countries are tired and frustrated. People of the region want a solution and we urge the superpowers to tangible support an end to the war," Sheikh Saud said.

The ambassador, noting Kuwait's support for a multinational approach to the conflict, lauded the presence of naval forces from Europe, the Soviet Union, and the United States aimed at guaranteeing the freedom of navigation in international waters.

Protection

But in reply to another question, Sheikh Saud stressed the fact that the US presence in the Gulf is "a US decision aimed at protecting the interests of the United States. It happens that, in this case, these interests and ours coincide."

In reply to questions, Sheikh Saud emphasized repeatedly that Iraq has declared its conditional readiness to implement resolution 598, which remains the only venue for a solution of the con-

tinued fighting.

But the ambassador acknowledged that the Gulf states appreciate the support they get in supply of arms, training and equipment from friendly countries, including the US.

He reminded his American audience, however, of the difficulties involved for any Arab country to get arms passed through the US Congress. This has dissuaded many Gulf countries from seeking arms from the US, Sheikh Saud said.

Asked by one questioner how long he envisages US and other Western naval forces might stay in the Gulf, the Ambassador commented, "it all depends on Iran's future attitude and intentions."

"We have always lived peacefully with Iran...but if Iran wants to extend its hegemony over the region, we, as Gulf states, have to think about it and deal with it."

"Obviously, the US will do what is in its own interest. We are engaged in a limited activity with the US it could deter Iran, but no one can be sure about Iran's future actions..." Sheikh Saud concluded.

Artistic fair opens

KUWAIT'S Education and Acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri, yesterday inaugurated the Ninth General Artistic Fair organised by Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training which took place at the theatre of Basic Education Faculty at Al Shamiyah.

Following the inauguration ceremony, the Minister, Al Nouri, who is also chairman of the authority, toured the fair pavilions and expressed his appreciation towards the organizing committee and commended them for their efforts.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Director General of the Authority, Dr Abdurrahman Al Muhalan, the Dean of the student affairs Authority, and other officials of the Authority.

Dr Al Muhalan, speaking at the ceremony, praised the activities of the students in various fields which reflected the past and current progress of Kuwait. He also praised some artistic works which reflected the current Palestinian uprising. Dr Al Muhalan concluded by thanking the students and the Authority's officials for their efforts towards the successful organizing of the fair.

ROYAL COURT

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Ahmar yesterday received in audience the Defence Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Al Ahmed, the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohamad Abdul Mohsen Al Rifa'i, Ahmad Governor, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Sabah, and the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, Abdulla Al Oteibi.

Later Sheikh Saad received Fatah representative in Kuwait and the Gulf region Salim Al Zarnoun and head of the PLO Kuwait office Aouni Battash.

The Crown Prince also presided over a meeting of the country's Supreme Defence Council.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Inter-Palestinian fighting

TWO Kuwaiti newspapers yesterday voiced regret over the inter-Palestinian fighting in Beirut, at a time when the Palestinians in the occupied territories are launching an unabated uprising against Israeli occupation.

Al Watfa sold the fighting in Beirut-based Chatila and Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camps provided an invaluable cover for the Israelis to invade the southern part of the country and even transcend it.

Those belligerents, said the paper, do not watch the uprising carefully, nor do they learn its lessons; the paper bitterly commented.

Al Rai Al Aam said those who fabricated reasons for eruption of the conflict certainly have nothing to do with the PLO or Fatah, they are one of the results of the Lebanese war.

The newspaper described the fighting as "golden chance" for Israel to sweep southern Lebanon again and to try to open a hole in the Palestinian wall of steadfastness.

Balance of power changed

ANOTHER local daily, commenting on the present uprising of the Palestinian people said that it has exposed Israel's moral turpitude in such a telling manner that Zionists everywhere are in a state of panic.

Al Anbaa, said that the uprising managed to change the balance of power in the Arab-Israeli conflict, as it is taking place for the first time in Palestine itself and not around its borders.

The paper added that the uprising is a direct conflict between the Palestinians and the occupation authorities.

"For the first time the battle is not being carried out on the borders, or in the mountains, or, even between the occupation and the Arab states, yet it is between the rightful owners and the Zionist entity," the paper added.

The paper concluded by saying that the stone throwing revolution restored the Palestinians' confidence to achieving victory, and forced the Zionist entity and its allies to reprogramme their plots.

Experts losing battle against Gulf war pollution

BAHRAIN. May 4. (Reuters): The battle to beat pollution of the Gulf caused by the actions of the combatants in the Iran-Iraq war is being lost, experts say.

Balls of tar roll up on the beaches and "we can't do anything," one expert said.

He said "we can't do anything without the monitoring coordination of every state and this is not possible in the North and East because of the war."

Nobody has been able to pinpoint where the tar balls come from, but in recent weeks they have plastered the coasts of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar.

Experts see little point in cleaning up the mess until they stop coming ashore.

"The fact that the oil is not fresh and there have been no major spills on this (western) side of the Gulf," indicates it was probably carried hundreds of miles from Iran, one Arab oil expert said.

Experts think the oil probably comes from war-damaged Iranian tankers or facilities — such as the leaking Rostam oil platform which the US Navy attacked last October.

Iraq also blasted Iran's main Kharg island terminal in the central Gulf in March, where one tanker was loaded with 200,000 tonnes of oil.

Gulf shipping sources said

pipes and storage tanks may also be damaged.

Experts say oil pollution in the Gulf is 47 times greater than average.

Marine life is in grave danger because the 1,000 kms (600 miles) of waterway is shallow and virtually landlocked — from the disputed Iran-Iraq border in the north to the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

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"Some member states have not completed their own emergency contingency plans. Until they do, we can't go on to the next step, which is to form a regional alliance," one expert said.

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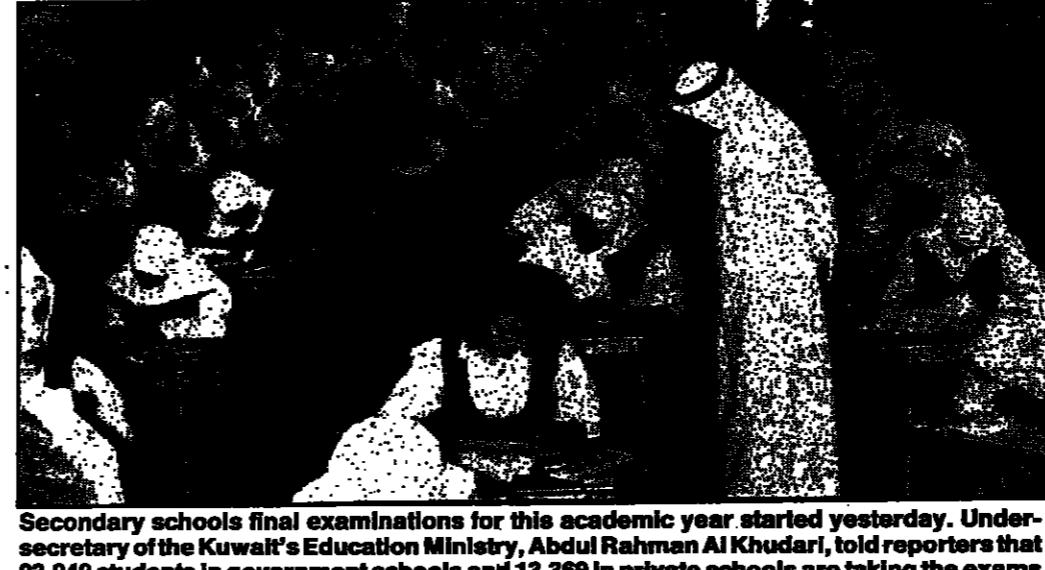
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Pajero wins award



TO mark the return of the hijacked plane and the hostages, the Kuwait Science Club held a celebration which was attended by the Club's Board of Directors.

The celebration opened with recitals from the Holy Quran followed by a speech by the director of the club's head office Amir Ahmed Ali condemning the hijacking. He praised the Kuwaiti government for its unwavering stand to the demands of the hijackers and stated that this was reflected in the convictions

of the citizens.

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The celebration opened



Table Talk

BY DINAH

SINCE I began reviewing Kuwait's restaurants a year ago, I've often wondered what would happen if the staff of a restaurant I was visiting realised what I was doing. I'd always figured that it would make little difference — the service might become overweeningly ingratiating, but bad cooks couldn't suddenly turn into good cooks and the prices and atmosphere are constants. I was proved wrong when I went to review Araliya, a new Sri Lankan restaurant located in a side street adjacent to the

Nice food, shame about the bill

Salihi complex. It seems that someone who knew who I was whispered a word in the owner's ear with the result that our bill for a wonderful two course meal came to an absurd KD3.800.

At such prices we couldn't resist returning the following night, instead of cooking at home. This time the owner wasn't around and so, unrecognised, we ordered a similar but smaller, one course meal. The food was equally excellent, but we were aghast to find that the bill came to KD6.500. Prices on the menu at the Araliya range from 100 fils to KD1.500, but this is very deceptive, for it seems that unless you work for the press, if two of you order an item, you are automatically served a double portion and the price is also doubled. On the first evening we ordered String Hopper Biriyani which came to only 800 fils, as listed. On our second visit the same dish, identical in size, cost KD1.600. Two coffees cost 500 fils on the first visit, as listed in the menu, but on the second night we had to

pay 100 fils more. Potato curry is listed in the menu at only 250 fils, but on our second visit we were charged 900 fils — even if the price had been double for "double portions" the mathematics were definitely suspect.

So if you go to eat at the Araliya, question the meaning of the prices on the menu when you order and then check your bill very carefully at the end of the meal.

Prices

It really was a pity that this deception over prices took place, as otherwise I would have ranked the Araliya as among the best restaurants in town. With subtle lighting, gentle music and pastel decor, the Araliya has a very soothing atmosphere. The tables are covered with peach coloured linen cloths and the seats with a delicate floral design. Tasteful wooden, brass and batik wall hangings have been carefully chosen as have the elegant crockery and glassware. Mirrors are cleverly used to

give a feeling of space, while pillars and screens create lots of private corners to eat.

The service on both evenings was excellent — charming, courteous, attentive and smooth. Food takes about twenty minutes to arrive which is not long when one discovers the quality. Do try the String Hopper Biriyani if you go there. Made from rice flour, hoppers look like very fine noodles but are much lighter in texture than rice. Subtly flavoured with spices and containing a generous portion of tender mutton pieces, the Biriyani could have made a meal in itself. In fact we needn't have ordered the equally delicious Pilau rice at all except that aromatic with whole spices and peppercorns, it made the perfect foil for the Prawn Curry — tiny shrimps cooked in their shells in a rich and delicate coconut sauce. The potato and spinach curry was equally understated in flavour. For those of you who think Indian cuisine would be perfect without the chillies, the Araliya is

the place to go. The fried sprats were a tasty dish of crunchy, slightly salty fish and sweet onions and capsicum strips. The only really hot dish we ordered was coconut sambal an appetising blend of grated coconut and chilli. Tiny crunchy papadoms were provided at no extra cost as was a sweet home made mango chutney.

For dessert we tried a Sri Lankan dish — Watalappan. It's a close relative of creme caramel but much richer, being made from coconut milk seasoned with spices and topped with raisins. We ended the meal with Sri Lankan coffee. The Araliya also provides a take out service and catering for parties. On Sundays and Fridays there is a special buffet.

RESTAURANT: Araliya
TYPE: Sri Lankan
MEAL: Two course dinner
STAR RATING (out of five):
FOOD: ****
ATMOSPHERE: ****
SERVICE: ****
PRICE FOR MONEY: ?

by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Naylor. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For details call 2627003.

SPORTS

Young Goans Association

Seven-a-side football tournament on May 17, Al Sour Ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida on 4813740.

Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club

May Calendar: Thursday, May 5: Game at Fintas. Men vs Women plus kids. Game followed by BBQ. KD 2.50 per head. Tuesday, May 10, club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Summer Aftair 88

The Weekend Club will host Summer Aftair 88, at the Regency Palace hotel on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD 10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Keem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD 10 including dinner. Produced and directed

by Next of Kin, Top Ranks and Apaches. A talent contest with lots of surprises and prizes. The show will be compered by David Burfoot and Julio Cardoz. Dinner features Indian and Continental cuisine. For reservations call Raveen — 4714518; Meres 4890566; Car-mello — 4835488/232.

YMCa Holiday Special
The Young Men Cricket Association (YMCa) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messilah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4819414, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

HOTELS
At the Hilton
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Samples Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (Iftar).

CINEMA

British Council

Pinocchio, a timeless, unequalled film adventure for all people of all ages. An unforgettable cast of characters includes the spry Jiminy Cricket; kindly Geppetto, a terrifying whale named Monstro and, of course, the little pupped made of wood, Pinocchio. It will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on May 11, 6 pm and May 12, 10.30 am. Duration: 84 minutes.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.35 am
Zuhra	11.45
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.27
Isha	7.52

FRIDAY

Fajr	3.34 am
Friday Prayer	11.45
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.28
Isha	7.53

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Madinah Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Al Rasheed Pharmacy
Al Jaber Al Jaber St.

Hawali and Nugra
Al Saadah Pharmacy
nr. Tawari Mosque, Othman St.

Al Salimiya
Brazil
Starring: Jonathan Price, Robert di Nero

Al Hamra
Prey for Death

Drive-In
Bustaan Al Dam (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Adham, Yusra

Jleeb Al Shiyookh
Salma Pharmacy
Area 3, Main St.

Al Firdous
Shahenshah (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi

Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

FRIDAY

Kuwait

Al Ajeeb Pharmacy
Palestine St., Mubarakiya
Al Omar Pharmacy
Awqaf Complex, Mubarakiya

Al Kabin St.

Hawali and Nugra
Al Kamal Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawali

Salmiya and Rumaithiya

Ibn Nafis Pharmacy

Hmoud Khalifa Hamida Bldg., Hamad Al Mubarak St.

Fahheel and Ahmad
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Sinan Commercial Centre, F'hheel

Jleeb Al Shiyookh

Al Razi Pharmacy
Block 17, A-1, Mubarakiya

Al Kharaj Bldg.

Riqqa

Al Riqqa Pharmacy

Badar Al Salam Al Ali

Bldg. No. 12.

Jahra

Al Noor Pharmacy

Abdul Aziz Nasrullah

Bldg., Matafi St.

Al Jleeb

Dard (Hindi)

2400 Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

10.00	Holy Quran
10.15	Cartoons
10.30	Mama Anisa and Children
11.10	Open University
12.05	Noor Al Huda: "Al Safaqa". Starring: Hussain Abideen, Amina Rizk, Abu Bakr Ezzat, Lila Taher, Ibrahim Al Shamsi.

1.00	News Summary
1.30	Tao Tao: cartoons
2.00	Jarrooh: historical serial; with Zuhair Numan, Lena Al Naq

3.00	Dukkan Al Duniya: daily serial, starring Munia Wasel, Mohammad Al Ibad, Jayna Eid
4.45	Tazawaj Wa Ibtisam: Arabic serial; starring Samir Ghaniem, Ragha, Ahmad Badr, Suad Nasar.

5.30	Hadith Deen: religious talk
6.30	Cartoons
6.45	After Iftar

7.00	Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal.
7.45	Bahath An Al Saadah: weekly Arabic serial, featuring Samir Ghaniem

8.15	With Islam
9.30	Ramadan Contest: hosted by Huda Husseini

10.00	News in Arabic
11.00	Al Iz'aj: daily serial, starring Ghonem Al Saleh, Zainab Dahi, Maryam Ghadban

12.45	Al Amjad: Arabic film, starring Adel Adham, Rashed Ragha, Saleh Saadani, Susanne Badr. Two prisoners allowed to visit their family escape from police custody while returning to the jail. Directed by Ahmad Al Sab'awi.
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2.45	News Summary/ Imsak/Holy Quran/Closedown
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The story of a lion and a duck will be told in the Mickey Mouse Club, tonight at 8.30 pm on KTV-2

9.00	News in English
9.40	Islamic Horizon
9.50	TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
10.30	Spencer is not too happy when he learns the truth about his friend's work.
11.30	The Bill Cosby Show: Cliff challenges his children, and much to his surprise, they win the bet.
10.30	Late Night Movie: "Echoes of Summer". Starring: Richard Harris, Louis Neeson. An 11-year-old girl, dying of disease, spends her last summer in an exotic village with her parents.
11.30	News Summary
1.30	Magazine D'Acuila Closedown

FRIDAY

1.45	Holy Quran
2.00	Basketball
3.45	Big League Soccer
4.45	Feature Film
6.30	Italian Soccer
8.10	Transformers: cartoons
8.30	Out of this World: "Broadway Danny Derek". Eva and Donna dislike a student but believe he deserves a second chance.
9.00	News in English
9.40	Islamic Horizon
9.50	Understanding Islam: local religious programme
10.30	The Beauty and the Beast: a plot to murder an Irish politician is foiled.
11.30	Mary and her friends go into business, and it thrives, until...
12.00	Guinness Records: world records are set by daring men and women in mountain climbing, skating and sleight of hand games.
10.30	The Wiseguy: a dangerous underworld boss is exposed by the undercover agents. Starring: Ken Wahl.
1.30	News Summary
1.40	Magazine D'Acuila Closedown

KTV 2

8.00	Holy Quran
8.10	Centurions: cartoons
8.30	The Mickey Mouse Club



There is comedy with Mary and her friends in 227, Friday at 11.30 pm, KTV-2

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ANYONE can sympathise with the suffering of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathise with a friend's success — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

OPINION

Iran's foolish statements

WHAT do we expect Iran to say about the Gulf states and the Arabian peninsula? What would you expect to hear about the peoples of this region, their rulers and the political and economic issues from Iran's media campaign?

The Iranian war has been with us since Khomeini declared that he was bringing the revolution to us. He declared this openly and it has been repeated by his media.

For eight years he has attempted to export his failed revolution to Iraq and when it has knocked at Baghdad's doors, the answer has always been painful.

After all of this we still expect Iran to welcome us with beautiful songs? Iran has been making ridiculous statements about Kuwait, its people and rulers. Iran also scolds Saudi Arabia with absurdities, claiming that the British were sent to Makkah by the Saudis.

The Iranian statements about the Gulf are really getting to be just a bit too much.

Iran's verbal assaults extend to other Islamic and non-Islamic countries. For example, Iran goes so far as to say that if the US attacks them, countries who "love" Iran will take revenge against American interests.

We would like the name of just one or two of these countries who love Iran. Excluding the countries Iran has bought, we'd like to know the countries that love Iran; a country that has brought terrorism to the world, damaging international trade.

Iran has lost all feelings of shame and will dare to say anything.

What is truly unfortunate is that Iran uses the Holy Book, the Quran and the teachings of Islam as a passage to the world.

The people of this region can expect to hear more of Iran's foolish statements. But we must always remember that they are without meaning.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Reagan support 'can't save Meese'

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Senior Republicans say time is running out for Attorney General Edwin Meese, under public pressure to resign over financial and other dealings, despite President Reagan's unwavering support for his friend and adviser of 20 years.

Some Republicans are worried about adverse effects in the Nov 8 presidential election if Meese is still heading the Justice Department when the nation votes.

If it is not resolved, the Meese controversy could dog Vice-President George Bush as he strives to keep the presidency in Republican hands.

"Ed Meese can't survive," said a former top White House official who asked not to be identified. "The Democrats will have a field day in the presidential election campaign if Meese stays on."

A Republican congressional figure added: "Meese is a liability. The turmoil at the Justice Department reflects badly on our ability to claim we're dealing effectively with issues like drugs and crime."

Ignored

Not everyone is so sure. Meese has ignored calls for his resignation and Reagan has a strong record of supporting loyal aides who have been convicted, including ex-White House aides Michael Deaver and Lyn Nofziger.

Last Wednesday, Reagan denied a published report that a group of his closest friends and advisers, including his wife, were running a "dump Meese" campaign.

Asked if he could ever support such a campaign, Reagan firmly replied: "No."

Asked if there were any circumstances under which he might ask Meese to resign, the President said with a smile: "Only if he had a complete change of character."

Republican sources said Reagan believes his political enemies are persecuting Meese as a way of attacking him.

Reagan has fired only two subordinates — Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a key figure in the Iran-Contra scandal.

But he acquiesced in the forced removal of former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, Interior Secretary James Watt and former National Security Adviser Richard Allen.

Troubles

Meese's legal troubles have led at least 10 justice officials to quit in recent weeks, department sources say.

Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten said Meese intended to remain in office to end of Reagan's term but some department officials agree with the prevailing view in

A bad decision

SIR: The decision of Air-India to withdraw discounts on air tickets is unfortunate indeed. This decision suggests shortsightedness as well as poor marketing acumen of Air-India management in Kuwait.

Indian expatriates in Kuwait will fly Air-India if the fares are reasonable. Indian expatriates here can afford to spare an extra Rs.3000 per ticket because of their declining income.

To assume that even the staunchest of Air-India supporters would disregard a price differential of about Rs.3000 per ticket and fly Air-India would be preposterous indeed. The discontinuation of discount will cause exodus of potential Air-India passengers to other airlines which offer attractive fares and lucrative in-flight services. This will hit hard the windfall Air-India dream it could accrue from the fare.

Air-India can actually make good profits, if it reduces the price of its ticket to levels below those of their competitors and continues to improve the quality of in-flight and other services.

Dr Nandekumar Moorkath, Safat.

Profit motive

SIR: Air-India has discontinued discounts on tickets to its passengers from Kuwait to India at a time when most people travel due to school vacations.

Travellers planned their trips more than eight months ago and accordingly made their bookings. All the flights between May and September are fully booked and even extra flights have to be started to carry excess passengers.

It is difficult either to cancel going on vacation to India or to get seats on other airlines. We cannot afford to pay the high cost of tickets. When it comes to a family of four or five persons, the extra fare will be unforgivable to many.

Air-India took the decision to raise fares when Kuwait Airways had suspended flights to non-Arab Asian countries. This decision has profit motive and nothing else.

The Gulf Indians prefer to travel by Air-India mainly because it is their national carrier.

The best way to bring Air-India to its senses is to boycott it if it does not reverse its decision.

P. Peethambaram, Jaffna.

Discount racketeering

SIR: Every year with the onset of summer in Kuwait begins the exodus of travellers and discount racketeering by the airlines.

This year Air-India has taken the lead. Soon after the cancellation of KAC flights to Asian capitals, Air-India grabbed the opportunity and announced withdrawal of discount to passengers travelling to India from May 1.

Air-India has created unnecessary panic and confusion to the public by first reversing their decision to withdraw discounts and then bringing up the issue again which remains unsettled until now. When enquired about this, the stock replies are that it is a management decision or government directive and so on.

Whatever the truth, the proposed application of IATA full fare is certainly a bolt from the blue. It is going to cause great hardship to thousands of passengers to India and shatter their holiday plans this year.

It seems that some other airlines are also waiting to join the fray and plunder the passengers' hard-earned money.

I hope the concerned authorities will intervene in the matter and save the defenceless passengers from this unscrupulous

discount racketeering once and for all.

A victim, (Name and address supplied).

Seeking donation

SIR: The trustees of the Sri Lankan Children's Fund seek funds to support children's homes in Sri Lanka that are dependent on charity.

The SLCF is a UK-registered charitable organisation established to raise funds for homes in Sri Lanka. The charity has no political affiliations, and is administered and run entirely by volunteers from various religions and faiths. The fund has no paid staff at all.

The charity supports six homes in Sri Lanka providing refuge and accommodation for about 800 children. The homes vary from a refuge for homeless and unprotected girls at Watala, and disabled and mentally distorted children's home at Hendala and Kotte, to a home and refuge for orphans and homeless children at Pita Kotte. The crippled children's home near Colombo and the home at Negombo care for some blind and severely disabled children.

These homes provide moral caring, help and support for many children suffering real

hardship, often from a situation of distress and desperation.

Gerald Gannaway, Chairman of the Trustees, Sri Lankan Children's Fund, 51 Broad Walk, Knowle Park, Bristol, BS4 2RD, England.

Ania deserves praise

SIR: I wish to comment on the attitude of Keith Wells towards Ania Majewska in the article "Dancing with delight" (AT, April 27).

He complimented me. I thank him, and am flattered. After dancing with Ania for several years I have found her to be one of the best dancers I know. Technically, I think she by far excels me, which perhaps, a non-dancer could not see on stage. No one in our company would argue that she isn't a fantastic dancer.

Maybe the advice Keith Wells gave has some truth, but is it necessary for him to publicise it? After working so hard she deserved more praise than this. We are not professionals, nor adults, and I don't think that after the effort Ania put in, she should be criticised to that extent.

Being in a production such as



the recent one is much more demanding and hard than being on stage in our glossy and brilliant costumes. Even to get the smallest part, one has to work for years. No one seems to realise the effort put in by performers.

Nadia Dabbagh, Safat.

Falcon Crest

SIR: I like to know the reason why KTV-2 is not showing the most interesting serial Falcon Crest. There are many TV viewers who want to see Falcon Crest.

Salme Rizvi, Safat.

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Tamil rebels display weapons in the northern Vavuniya district of Sri Lanka. (Reuters wirephoto)

The officer added: "The terrorists still have a very, very good radio communications network. But the IPKF has improved over the last month in their road checking and deep-trench planning."

Soviets pledge not to interfere in others affairs

By Eric Bourne



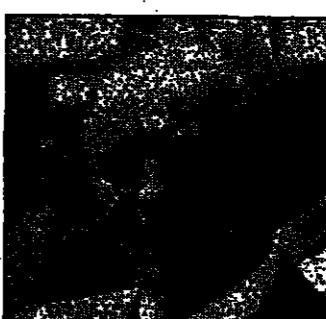
Leonid Brezhnev

was Brezhnev who trotted out the new doctrine in the fall of 1968, when he perceived that the Yugoslavs and the Western parties were not going to let Czechoslovakia be quietly laid aside as an isolated exception.

In short, it was but a new twist to old ideology to reassert the "right" to leadership and authority over the whole communist movement. Other communist states, as was done in Joseph Stalin's day and periodically thereafter. It can be interpreted as excluding interference even if a local "model" ran afoul of Soviet ideas of its needs and those of the international movement. But all this was not 100 percent explicit.

There have been many declarations and agreements on non-interference over the years, first between the Soviets and Yugoslavia in 1955 — when Nikita Khrushchev called off Stalin's feud against Belgrade — and again in 1956. But in 1956, Khrushchev bloodily suppressed a reformist revolt in Hungary and made a bellicose — albeit vain — effort to interfere in Poland.

The Soviets reaffirmed non-interference at all-party conferences in 1957 and 1960 and at their own congress in 1966. Finally, the Warsaw Pact repeated it only a few weeks before its forces marched into Czechoslovakia. It



Mikhail Gorbachev

evident belief in more equality as well as more realism in Soviet ties with allies. The Hungarians and others are testing that relations now are more relaxed and easier than ever before as an isolated exception.

But Gorbachev has not, for example, said that he regards the "use of force" against Prague as a mistake. Most probably he does. But if he were to say so, openly, the present regime could topple tomorrow — and, above all, he is concerned with stability in Eastern Europe.

Steadily growing demands are taking shape for open political reform to go hand in hand with the economic reforms, nowhere more articulately than in Hungary, the pioneer of East-bloc reforms generally.

Not since the early postwar Stalin years has the "leading role" of communist parties been under challenge both from without and within their own ranks. As in 1956 and 1968 and again in Poland in 1981, the reformers could push too fast, too far.

Would — could — even Gorbachev look placidly on at the emergence of political streams that really threatened the "right" of ultimate policymaking and the maintenance of single-party communist rule?

Gulf Indians act as smugglers

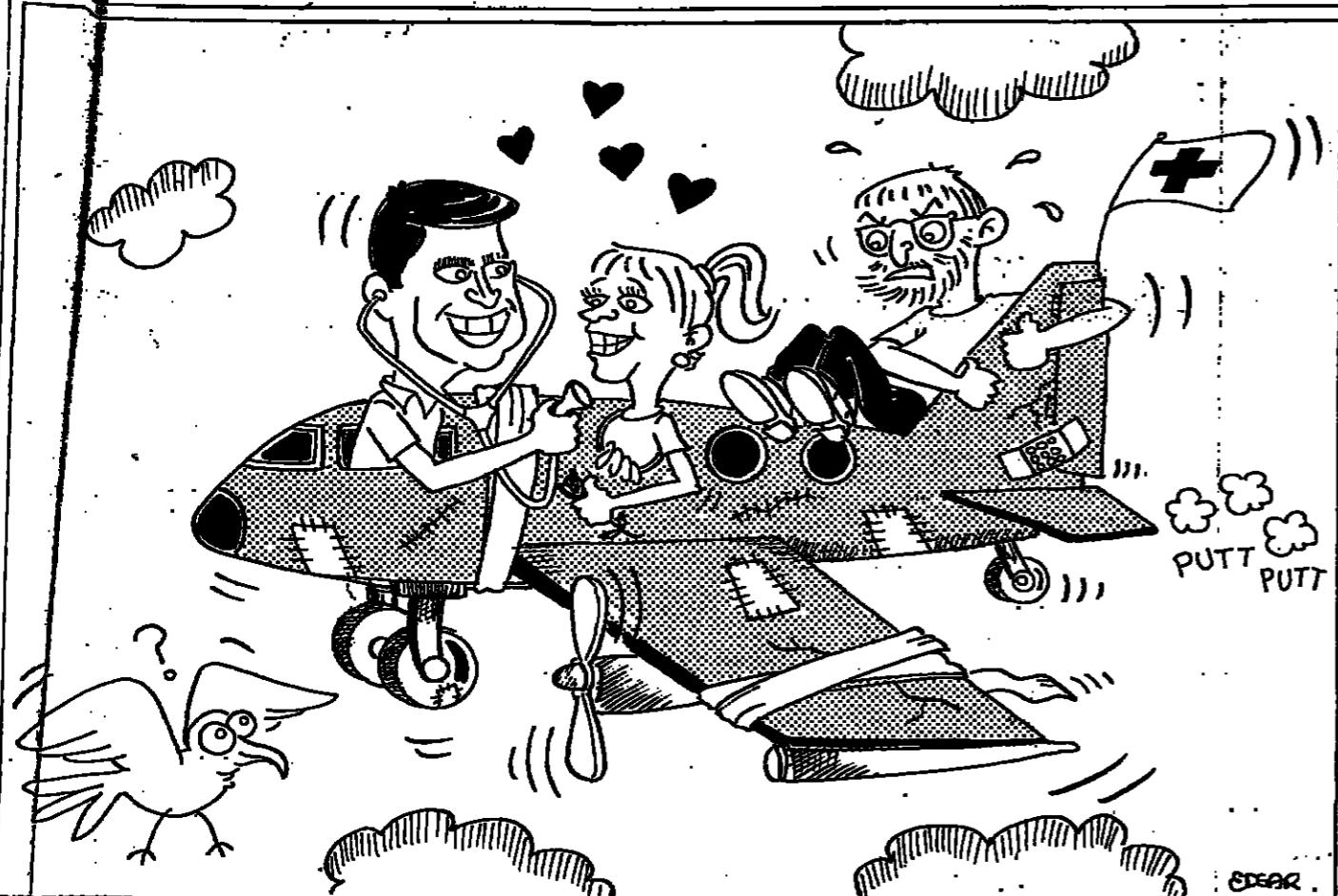
NEW DELHI, May 4, (Kunap): A number of Indian workers returning from the Gulf countries are being used for gold smuggling.

This new trend came to light in the past weeks when customs officials at the Indira Gandhi international airport recovered huge quantities of gold from the workers, who are engaged in various jobs in the Gulf states.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1525 — Peasants' revolt in south Germany is suppressed.
1537 — German Lutherans refuse to accept Pope Paul III's invitation to attend a general council.
1570 — Turkey declares war on Venice for refusing to surrender Cyprus, and Spain comes to Venice's aid.
1646 — British forces under King Charles I surrender to Scots at Newark, England.
1762 — Russia and Prussia sign treaty of St. Petersburg, under which Russia restores all conquests and forms defensive alliance.
1821 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte dies in exile on island of St. Helena.
1824 — British troops take over Rangoon, Burma.
1931 — People's National Convention in Nanking, China, adopts provisional constitutions.
1936 — Italian forces occupy Addis Ababa, ending Abyssinian (Ethiopian) war.
1961 — Astronaut Alan Shepard Jr., first US space explorer, is rocketed 185 kilometres into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
1963 — Algeria's Foreign Minister Mohammed Khemisti dies three weeks after being wounded by assassin's bullet.
1978 — Red Brigades in Italy announce they are carrying out death sentence against former Premier Aldo Moro, whose body is found two days later.
1987 — Iran-US claims tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, orders United States to return \$451.4 million in frozen assets to Iran.

Joe H. Sestak



By Keith Wells

MY wife has fallen in love with another man: the 'bloody Flying Doctor' from that Australian television series where they keep getting lost somewhere like Zahra and dying of thirst! All except the flying sawbones, he just comes zooming down out of the sky like a pelican with a black pouch and a stethoscope hanging out of his beak. I just don't know what she sees in him.

"He's very clear cut," she told me.

"That's a good idea," I replied. "I know exactly where to put the knife." But she wasn't listening, just gazing gooey at the screen as he flapped his wings and went soaring off to rescue another lunatic who took the wrong turn at Suleibkhat.

Love is strange, she seems to think it's perfectly natural to fall for a pale parrot with a bandaid kit, but when I mention my own heart's delight, *Melissa Whatisit* from Falcon Crest, she just pours scorn.

"She's crazy, still, at least that gives you a chance!" she

Shuwaiking with lust

says, all smide. Then she starts drooling over Robert Redford, all bleached blond hair piece and ice blue contact lenses. Fifty if he's a day, thick as a brick. I swear he can't even put his own clothes on, needs a dresser to do it. But there's no reasoning with her, she thinks he's cute.

"Cute?" I said. "Cute is like Bambi, he's more like Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer after a night on the igloo roof!"

I don't know where she gets these passions from. I mean, the Flying Doctor wallah is so young it's no more than a fledgling, his feathers are still wet behind the ears, and what ears!

Wo: still, he's Australian and we're leaving Kuwait in June and planning to emigrate there, after a year or so in England.

It's a bit worrying when I think about it. I mean off we go, get Down Under, set up shop, start writing about all the cables of congratulations that the wallabies are sending, then Swoosh, down comes this Red Cross Vulture, whizzing in and

out of the place like a human boomerang while she sits with delight every time he loops the bloody loop!

Steps will have to be taken. First of all, never get sick, if she develops bubonic plague or starts dying of thirst in the back garden, just throw a bucket of water over her, give her an aspirin and flat out refuse to call the budgie doctor. Mind you, there is a lady flying doctor, I suppose I could amuse myself with her wing muscles for a while, brush up her tail feathers.

I suppose living in Australia must be pretty hairy, with ambulances dropping out of the skies all over the place, nurses fluttering out of the clouds at the drop of an aspirin. If you have to go to the hospital and they put you in 'E Wing' they mean it literally, just as you get into bed and find your bedpan, it's fasten seat belts and you're away! Still, I suppose the nurses will be if they start providing a few floating nurses, that might make me really sick!

Wonder if they demonstrate

open heart surgery along with the lifeguard business? Do they have problems with hijackers seizing the mid-air maternity wards? "We are holding 44 hostages, oops, sorry, make that 45, oh no, it's twins, okay 46. We demand that you resupply our saline drips and release all the kidney cases in Ward Seven!"

Then when you're old and grey and just want to sit in the sun drinking large cold glasses of NotPepsi, they stick you in the Geriatric Wing, grey feathers flapping feebly as it lumbers up into the sky like a Sopwith Camel, or should it be a Sopwith Kangaroo?

I seem to have wandered from the point a bit, but I've made my position very clear to her, if that duck-billed flying quack comes anywhere over head he'll find himself on the wrong end of a Stinger missile. I know my rights and the only thing that'll change my mind about the Flying Doctor Service will be if they start providing a few floating nurses, that might make me really sick!

Wonder if they demonstrate

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LARRY SPEAKES has been roundly criticised for putting words in President Reagan's mouth. As press secretary he made up quotes that he attributed to the President, causing untold damage to Reagan's reputation as the commander-in-chief of everything he utters.

People in the White House press corps were not so much amazed at Speakes' resorting to such subterfuge as they were puzzled about why the President permitted him to do it.

The best explanation is that President Reagan never worried about what Speakes said at his briefings as long as it sounded good to the public.

There were some close calls for the Gipper, however. One time Speakes came into the Oval Office and said, "Sir, we have just secured Grenada. Is there any statement you'd like to make?"

"How about, 'Four score and seven years ago our

The Art Buchwald Column

Now hear this

forefathers brought forth on this earth a new nation and that is why we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

"It's a bit wordy," Larry said.

"Well, you have the idea, just kick it around and use anything you want to."

"I will say, 'This is one of the greatest victories against communism in our lifetime and is a signal to our foes that we will never negotiate out of fear nor fear to negotiate.'"

"That's fine. Good night."

"But, sir it's 4 o'clock in the afternoon. You have to make a speech this evening at your state dinner for Margaret Thatcher."

"What are you going to tell the press I said?" the President asked.

"I might tell them that you said Prime Minister Thatcher has brought us nothing but blood, sweat and tears."

"I hadn't planned on saying that. Why can't you report when I made my toast I had no comment."

"The press doesn't like that. Don't worry, I'll think of something."

"You're very good, Larry."

"I see it this way, Mr President. A press secretary's job is to make the President look better than he really is. If I can have you expounding brilliant things we both win."

"How do we both win?"

"You come out of it as the Great Communicator and I get a much higher advance on my book."

"Larry, are we doing

anything wrong?" "Of course not. I am your spokesman. What difference does it make if you say it or I say it, as long as you get credit for it?"

"Suppose they find out the words aren't mine?"

"Only you and I know that, sir, and I sure as heck am not going to tell. Look, I won't make up quotes all the time. If you ever come up with anything original I'll use it."

"And you don't think it will hurt us when it comes out?"

"Not on your life. You don't think Abraham Lincoln said everything he was credited with?"

"Can I give you my statement now on how we won the war in Afghanistan?" the President asked.

"Try it out on me, and I'll see if I like it."

"You really take over, don't you, Larry?"

"Better me than Gorbachev."

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SON'S SEIZURES COULD BE SIGN OF EPILEPSY

QUESTION: My son (4 years old) has seizures in which he seems to go into a deep daydreaming state for very short time. Sometimes he begins blinking uncontrollably or waving his arms, although he seems to have no control. I've taken him to testing (EEG) but nothing has been found. Is it possible he has epilepsy? I know these dazed periods are a sign of epilepsy, because my grandfather had it.

ANSWER: It is indeed possible that your son has epilepsy — a condition that is produced by uncontrolled electrical discharges in the brain. Sometimes the EEG (electroencephalograph) fails to diagnose this disturbance. The EEG is a machine that measures brain waves picked up by wires placed on the head. Sometimes, the electrical change in the brain, which triggers the epileptic seizure, takes place in such a deep part of the brain that the tiny wires of the EEG on the scalp fail to record the change. The type of seizures you've described are known as absence or petit mal seizures.

If your son continues to appear to experience them, he probably should have a 24-hour-long EEG, which can be done in a

hospital. This full day of monitoring frequently helps pick up signs of epilepsy that otherwise might go unnoticed.

QUESTION: Have you ever heard of a sex disease called Fitz-Hugh?

ANSWER: You mean Fitz-Hugh-Curtis Syndrome. It is thought to be a complication of two sexually transmitted infections, chlamydia and gonorrhoea. The syndrome affects young women and adolescent girls and has been reported in men.

The most common symptom of Fitz-Hugh-Curtis Syndrome is abdominal pain, especially in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen, which makes it hard to diagnose because other abdominal conditions such as appendicitis, peritonitis, hepatitis and pelvic inflammatory disease cause similar pain. The best way to diagnose it is through laparoscopy, where a small viewing instrument is inserted into the abdomen through a small incision. The diagnosis is Fitz-Hugh-Curtis Syndrome if laparoscopy shows adhesions (scarlike connective tissue) between the abdominal organs including the intestines, liver and reproductive organs and if gonorrhoea or chlamydia organisms are present.

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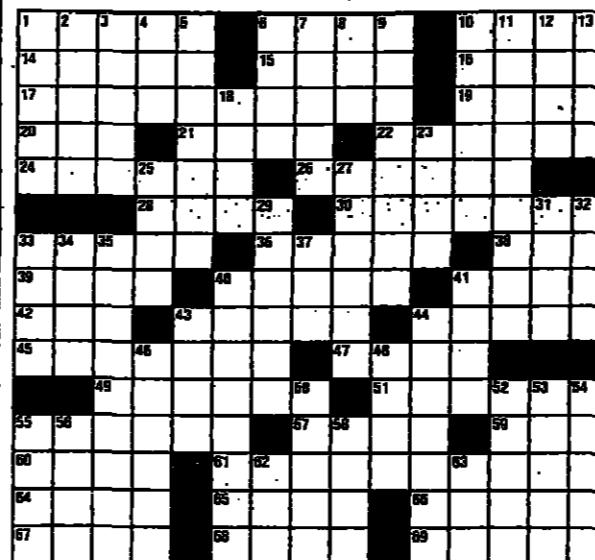
QUESTION: Can medicines change the way older people think?

ANSWER: Yes, unfortunately. Some drugs or drug combinations can cause what appears to be senility, depression, anxiety or delirium in the elderly. Actually, many medications can have an effect on anyone's ability to think, but these effects are seen more frequently in the elderly, because older people are more susceptible to the action of drugs and they get more prescriptions than younger individuals. In addition, because many elderly take several medications for different problems, there may be adverse interactions between drugs that affect thinking.

Before an elderly patient is diagnosed as having any mental impairment, a complete evaluation of his or her medications — including what non-prescription drugs they use — should be done by a physician. Only medications that are absolutely necessary should be prescribed. In some patients, the signs of mental illness or impaired thinking will go away if drug doses are reduced or other drugs substituted.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WITH FRENCH FINESSE!

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 ♣ Q J 10 3
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Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Naturally, the French have a word for it. An "impasse" is the normal finesse where you lead to the lower card of a broken sequence. An "expasse" is where you lead toward an unsupported honor in the hope of finding a higher honor favorably located. The latter play frequently will gain a trick or two.

North-South conducted an orderly auction to a good slam. South could not use Blackwood because of his two false losers in diamonds, so he cue-bid the ace of hearts, then made a grand slam try when his partner showed the ace of diamonds in response.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

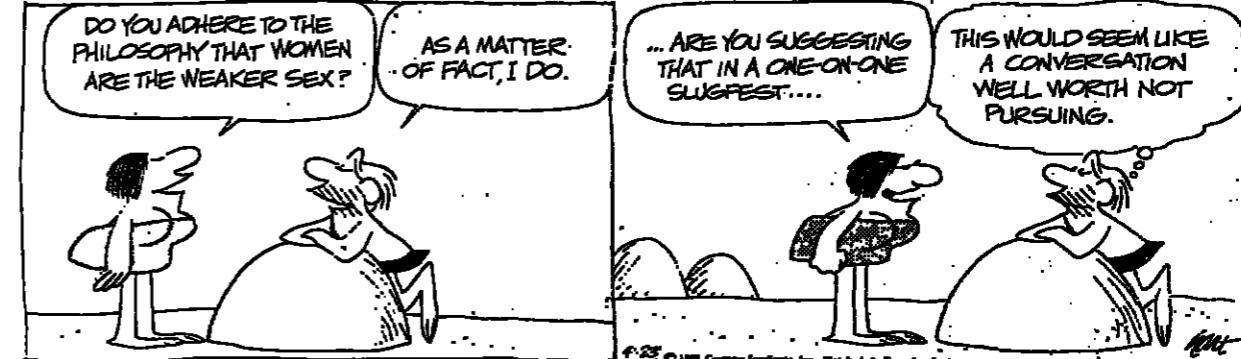
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Cruising around the isles of Greece

ATHENS — The mere mention of Greek islands conjures up a picture of sun-splashed land jutting abruptly out of lapis-blue water. This image makes you want to drop everything and go — to see for yourself.

If you do plan a Greek islands trip, you may find yourself on one of several Greek-owned Epitroiki ships, a line that began back in 1954. "That was the year that Epitroiki teamed up with the new National Tourist Organisation to convert a small liner, the MV Semiramis, into a cruise ship," said Andreas Paljuras, purser of the MTS Oceanus. He added, "its first cruise carried 150 passengers, including several journalists, who loved it and went home to write about it." The experiment proved to be most successful.

Now, of the nearly 30 cruise ships sailing in the Aegean and Mediterranean waters, 11 are owned by Epitroiki.

My husband and I sailed from Piraeus, the port of Athens. On our return, several of Epitroiki's ships were dockside at one time: the small Neptune, the mid-sized Atlas, the large World Renaissance, and our mid-sized ship, Oceanus. It was an impressive fleet, with most ships easily identified by their cream-coloured hulls and white tops, and unique blue smokestacks sporting the insignia of a stylized gold Byzantine cross.

To understand why so many of the ships were in port at one time, it's important to know of the variety of cruises offered by Epitroiki. The line offers Mediterranean trips lasting 1, 3, 4, 7, 14, or 21 days, from May to October. We were there in October.

Most package tours to Greece include a cruise segment. Itineraries from Athens vary in ports of call so that a visitor can return many times and sail to different islands. Our seven-day cruise was part of a 14-day Trans World Airlines Getaway package with three days in Athens before the cruise and a 3 1/2-day motorcoach land trip following it. The itinerary included a stop on the island of Rhodes, the ports of Alexandria and Port Said, Egypt; Ashdod, Israel; the island of Patmos; Kusadasi, Turkey; and back to Piraeus.



Greek Island cruise ship on the island of Kos.



Presidential guards march in front of the former royal palace in Athens, which now serves as the parliament building.

Optional shore excursions were available in each port.

Incidentally, this summer may be a bumper year for travel to Greece, as the exchange rate is favourable and tours take advantage of pre-booked fixed hotel rates along with air and shipboard costs. The biggest savings may be in cruises that include meals and entertainment.

On board the Oceanus, we were pleased with the layout of the ship, which has a large protected rear-deck space for enjoying the sun, the pool, and views of the sea and islands.

Cabins on the Epitroiki ships are attractive, as are the common rooms with themes from famous Greek legends and myths, rendered in strong, clear colours in plush wall decorations, statuary, mosaics, and paintings. Artist Arminio Lozzi and movie set designer Maurice Bailey collaborated on the decor.

The cabins were comfortable though not enormous. Ours had a double bed. Some have an extra fold-down berth to accommodate a third person at a reduced rate. Prices quoted for most packages include inside cabins on lower decks.

With an added charge for a cabin with a porthole. We opted for the view.

The Oceanus specialises in Continental cuisine and features a wide variety of food with a definite Greek flair — which we enjoyed. Theme nights on board coordinate meals, entertainment, and dress — such as Greek Night, when we had Greek dishes, wore the flag colours of blue and white, and watched a Greek entertainment.

In typical cruise fashion, there were numerous courses and generous servings at mealtime, starting with delicately flavoured seafood appetizers, tasty soups, salads generously heaped with late-season tomatoes, cucumbers, and Greek olives. Then came the entrees of native fish, lamb, beef, and pork, with a good variety of vegetables.

Happily, the dinner dessert choices were simple, usually with only one hugely rich dessert, a selection of ice cream, or fresh fruit and cheese. Conversely, a wide variety of temptingly rich desserts appeared on the lavish buffet table served on the upper deck at noontime.

The excursions in each port were pre-arranged so that immediately after docking you could board a motorcoach for the destination. Some passengers on our cruise were disappointed, saying "the shore time was too short." For example, the time allowed on Rhodes was sufficient, except that a delay in leaving Athens meant a late arrival. And the excursion to Lindos on the other end of the island had to be rushed to get passengers back on time for the ship to sail. Later, at dinner, captain Dionisios Papanikolatos explained that ships leave on time, because "we are charged for port time and fined heavily for late departures." In

some cases, as in Rhodes, taking an optional excursion away from the port eliminated any time for shopping. Mediterranean ports have lots of trinkets to sell, so, if shopping is a priority, don't sign up for the excursion.

Epitroiki's cruises are on some lines. "The longer cruises tend to have more formal occasions, shorter ones only first and last night out," said Miss Emmins. My observation was that street length dresses for women and business suits for men were appropriate on formal nights.

Since Greece has a hot sunny climate, be sure to bring a sun hat, sunglasses, lotion, and cool clothing for shore trips. A plastic canteen for carrying water from the ship is handy since pure drinking water isn't easily found in this arid region. Some religious sites don't allow bare shoulders and shorts for women. Since most sites are usually high on a hill reached over well-worn and slightly slippery paths, good walking shoes are a must. A sweater is handy on deck most nights.

Several cruise lines sail in the Mediterranean: Epitroiki, Sun Lines, Cycladic, K Lines, and others. To book a Greek Islands cruise, contact your travel local agent or a firm specialising in cruises.

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The temple of Hadrian in the ancient city of Ephesus.

A very different India

Southern India is a surprise and a delight, very different from the cities of the north, discovers travel writer Robin Neillands.

FOR the visitor, India can be divided into two parts — the north for the tourists, the south for independent travellers.

On their first visit to India, most people opt for the north and take the standard tour round the Agra Triangle, to see the Taj Mahal, Delhi, and the pink city of Jaipur, perhaps with a side-trip to Kashmir.

That's a good first choice, the ideal way to sample a little of this fascinating country, and the route I first took myself. But on my second visit I went south, to the Carnatic, and found a very different India.

My journey began in the heat and humidity of Bombay, which I was quite glad to leave. I flew on within the day to Bangalore, capital of the state of Karnataka — the Carnatic, and the perfect base for touring the princely cities of Mysore.

Bangalore was a garrison town in the days of the British Raj and is still an army town, a place of parks and gardens and pleasant bungalows, deliciously cool after that coastal humidity. From here a three-hour drive took me south to Mysore, the Sandalwood City.

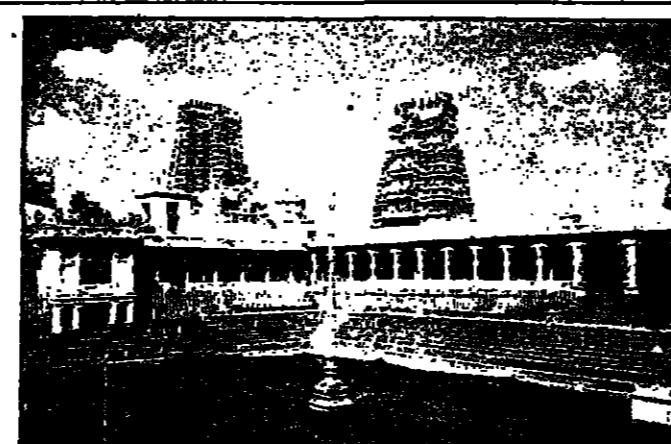
The Maharaja of Mysore is one of India's great princes. When the present Maharaja's father decided to build a new palace at the turn of the century, he decided to build two — one for himself and one for his guests. The second is now a hotel, the Lalitha Mahal, an excellent place to stay while exploring the city bazaars and

special favourites.

The other great sight near Mysore is the fortress of Tippu Sultan at Seringapatam. Tippu Sultan fought and won several wars against the East India Company until, in 1799, his fortress was stormed and captured by a new general, Arthur Wellesley, who later became Duke of Wellington.

The fortress was destroyed but Tippu Sultan's summer palace nearby was untouched and is still painted with marvellous murals depicting the campaigns of Tippu and his father against the English invaders. The gardens of the summer palace are said to rival those of Versailles.

From Mysore, I travelled south again, to the tip of India.



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai, to the state of Tamil Nadu and the city of Maduri.

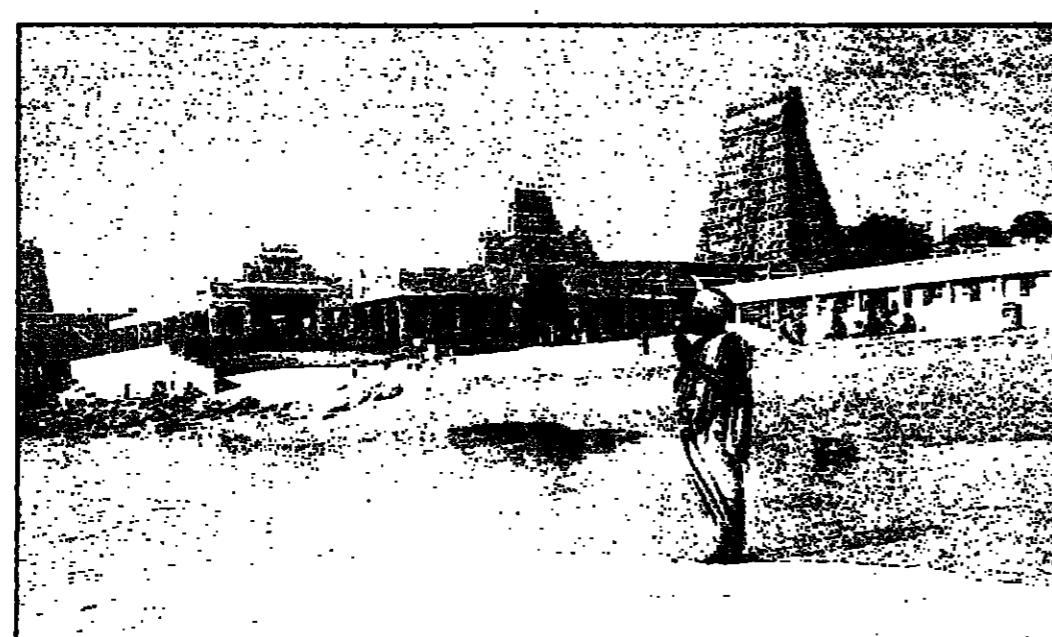
flock here in their millions.

The principal temple in the city centre is huge — one room alone contains a thousand pillars, each one intricately carved — and we spent a whole afternoon inside the temple walls, lost for much of the time. Maduri is not a place you can rush, so we spent three days here, wandering about the bazaars and temples before moving on again to Madras, and our hotel at Fisherman's Cove on the beach, 20 miles from the city.

Delights

Western tourists don't seem to have discovered Fisherman's Cove yet ... the only other visitors were from Russia, vast women in red woolen bathing suits who spent a lot of time leaping in and out of the sea. Fisherman's Cove is just the place to relax in after a long tour.

Southern India was a surprise and a delight, very different from the dusty cities of the north. The weather was glorious, the countryside beautiful, the temples fascinating and the people friendly. With good food and comfortable hotels still half-empty, a visit to Southern India could be a very good idea ... but go soon.



Devotee at sea shore, Tamil Nadu

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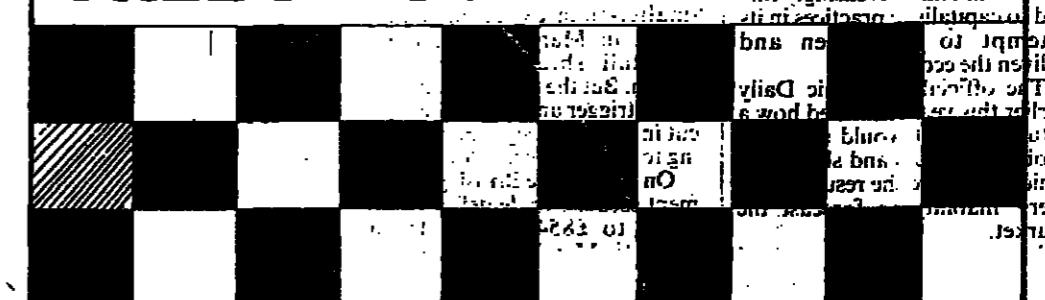
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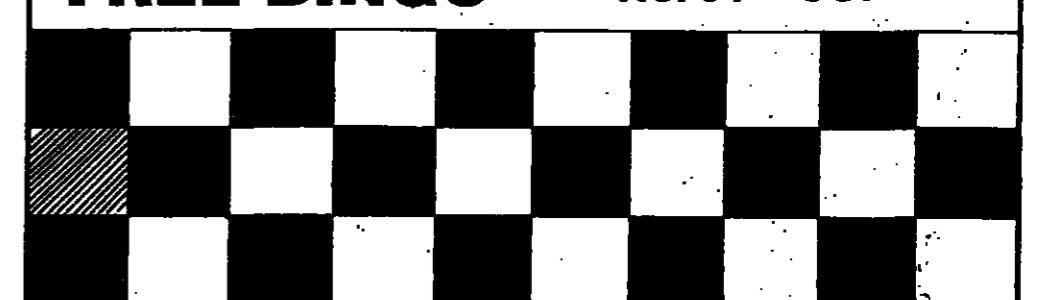
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

China to start futures markets this year

LIJING, May 4, (AP): China becomes the first socialist country to set up futures markets in five such markets are now in the southern city of Lijiang (Guangzhou) later this year, an official report said yesterday.

The English-language China Daily quoted unidentified sources as saying preparations were under way to set up three to five markets in Canton, one of China's most important business cities.

Chinese leaders hope the markets will stabilise the economy and prevent drastic price increases that have become a main complaint of Chinese citizens, the paper said.

A futures market allows traders and producers to negotiate a set price for what they think a commodity will be worth in a future date. The producer is guaranteed that price regardless of subsequent fluctuations in the market.

The report said officials from the cities of Beijing and Wuhan and the provinces of Guangdong, Henan, Jilin and Hunan met in mid-April to discuss plans for the futures markets, but did not say what commodities would be traded.

This is the latest development in China's decade-long economic reform that has increasingly turned to capitalist practices in its attempt to strengthen and diversify the economy.

The official Economic Daily earlier this year described how a futures market would solve the problems of cuts and shortages, which often are the result of farmers' inability to forecast the market.

Both papers acknowledged China's backward communications and transport systems will be a problem, but the China Daily said, "the country cannot wait until everything is ready before carrying out the plans."

Tanzania expands agricultural exports

ESCAP: TANZANIA will expand agricultural exports and increase foreign exchange earnings with a project aimed at supporting entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector.

IDA is supporting the project with a credit of SDR 22 million (\$30 million).

Agriculture is Tanzania's most important economic sector. It employs four of every five people in the work-force and accounts for four-fifths of the country's export earnings.

Exports

The \$40 million project will provide financing to enterprises that produce agricultural exports. It will also provide funds, staff training and technical assistance to support the strengthening of Tanzania's cooperative and Rural Development Bank.

The support provided to farmers who produce export goods is expected to increase incentives to boost production and improve the quality of Tanzania's traditional export crops, such as coffee, tea and cotton.

No change in oil prices, says Egypt

EGYPT, May 4, (AP): Egypt decided today not to change its crude oil export prices in the first half of this month, a senior official said.

Muhammad Ayoub, the oil ministry's director of foreign sales, disclosed the decision to reporters after a meeting of the standing interdepartmental committee that reviews prices every fortnight.

Export prices for the second half of April will be continued in the first 15 days of this month," Ayoub said.

The prices are \$14.85 a barrel for the top-grade Gulf of Suez blend, \$14 a barrel for Belayan; \$13.10 a barrel for Ras Badran; and \$12.40 a barrel for Ras Sharab.

Failure

Egypt currently produces 70,000 barrels daily and sets its own export prices. They generally are tuned to policies of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, even though Egypt is not a member.

Ayoub refused to comment on OPEC's failure at the weekend to agree on production cut at its Vienna meeting to eliminate a market glut and raise prices to the organisation's \$18 benchmark level.

Vienna meeting meaningful, says China

Would-be Opec allies ready to cut output

LONDON, May 4, (Reuter): Several producers from outside Opec seemed ready yesterday to renew efforts to collaborate with the organisation on cutting output and trying to raise world oil prices, despite a rebuff.

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ABBEY LFE	280/0	LORRHO	212/0	212/0
ADT LTD	126.0	LUCAS IND	535/0	500 GROUP
ALD LYONS	472.0	MAGNET	245.0	A.B.ELECT
AMSTRAD	167.0	MARKS&SP	176.0	AAH HLD
ARYLIT GP	188/0	MAYWELL C	220/0	AARONSON
ASDA GP	161.0	METAL BOX	212/0	ACRE OIL
BAA PP	122/0	MEPC	539/0	ADWEST
BTR	255.0	MIDLAND BK	385.0	ALEX WRXH
BAT IND	412/0	NEXT	256/0	ALEX WRXH
BARCLAYS	380/0	NTT FOODS	07/05	ALEXON
BASS	836.5	P & O PFO	576.0	ALDO COLL
BEAVER	182.0	PEARL	465/0	ALDO PLNT
BEECHAMS	476/0	PEARSON	705/0	ALLIANCE
BERIFORD	286/0	PILKINGTON	208.0	AMARI
BICC PLC	312/0	PLESSEY	156/0	AMEC
BLUE ARR	118/0	PRUDENTIAL	785/0	AMER TRST
BLUE CTR	423/0	RACAL	309/0	AMERSHAM
BOP GP	582/0	RANK HVIS	336.0	AMT HLTC
BOOTS CO	229/0	RANK RGR	755.0	AMG O'S
BPE IND	264.0	RCXIT+CQ	873/0	APPLEYARD
BR CONN	258/0	REDLAND	415.0	APRICOT
BR AIRWAY	162.0	REED	402/0	APV PLC
BR AEROSP	402/0	RYL BK SC	346.0	APQUA A
BR GAS RG	173/0	RNC GRP	67.00	ARAN ENY
B.P.	264.0	REUTERS	500.0	ARCHER AJ
B.P. NEW	71/0	RTZ CORP	385.0	ARLINGTON
BR TELCOM	252/0	ROLLS ROY	111.0	ARMSTRONG
BRITOL	51/0	ROTHMAN B	395.0	ASHLEY LA
BUNZL	137/0	ROUTREE	902.0	ATTWOODS
BURNHOL	579.0	ROYAL INS	425/0	AUT REED
BURTON	235/0	SAATCHI	390/0	AUST REED
CABLE&WIRE	325.0	SAINTSBUR	225/0	AVON RUBB
CADBURY	331/0	SCOT-NEW	280.0	BAE MENNILL
COATAS VIY	245/0	SEARS	129/0	BAILLY JAP
COM UNI	335.0	SEDEGWICK	220.0	BANKER JT
CONS GOLD	975.0	SELL	061.0	BARKER DO
COOKSONS	536/0	SMITH IND	248/0	BARTH DEV
COURTAULD	76.12	SMITH+NEPH	26.37	BAYNES C.
DALGETY	292/0	STC	259/0	BEAMER GP
DEE CP	182/0	STORENSE	269/0	BEALMEN
DIXONS	167/0	SUN ALLIA	933/0	BEALMILL
ENG CHINA	450.0	TARMAC	245.0	BELENX HD
ENTER OIL	393/0	TATELYME	790/0	BENTALLS
FKI BABCK	121.5	TECHN	149/0	BERKELEY
FERRANTI	84.0	THORN ENI	650/0	BIRMD GL
GEN ACCIO	900.0	TRIAC	328.0	BLIRID GL
GEN ELEC	150.0	TSB	100/0	BL OF SCO
GLAXO	954/0	TSB	505/0	BL OF TSO
GRANADA	328.0	T+N	178/0	BLACKWOOD
GLOBE	137.0	TRUSTHSE	233.0	BLICK LE 2
GLYNNED	458/0	ULTRAMAR	300/0	BLICKET +F
GRAND MET	497.0	UNILEVER	447.0	BOAIS MAS
GUARD RYL	890.0	UNIGATE	285/0	BOBBINGT
GKN	315/0	UDT BISC	278/0	BOOKER
GUINNESS	314.0	UDT NMSPR	414.0	BOEKER HENR
HAMMERS A	575.0	WELLCOME	453.0	BORTHWICK
HANSON	130/0	WIBRA IN	308/0	BOSWATER
HAMMER SID	522.0	WILLIAMS	299.0	BOATHORPE
HILLSDOWN	274.0	WIMPEY GE	272.0	BR DREDG
ICI	983.5	WOOLWORTH	286/0	BR LAND

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FT 500 SHR	124.2	124.2	123.1	984.4
FT ALL SHR	930.45	930.45	928.19	896.75
FT GOV SEC	89.70	89.70	90.05	91.03
FT GOLD MN	201.3	201.3	206.4	237.3
FT MINES F	482.90	482.90	467.01	432.96
FT OIL	1852.6	1852.6	1847.2	1768.7
FT WLD DLR	130.62	130.37	130.17	128.44
FT WLD STG	103.48	103.11	102.96	101.83
FT WLD LOC	114.17	115.99	113.52	112.29
				99.08

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORG	1442.7	1449.7	1443.9	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	124.2	124.2	123.1	957.6
FT ALL SHR	930.45	930.45	928.19	896.75
FT GOV SEC	89.70	89.70	90.05	88.49
FT GOLD MN	201.3	201.3	206.4	237.3
FT MINES F	482.90	482.90	467.01	450.65
FT OIL	1852.6	1852.6	1847.2	1665.6
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London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS REMAIN DULL AFTER BP STAKE REFERAL. LONDON, MAY 4, REUTER - EQUITIES FAILED TO RECOVER FROM THIS MORNING'S SURPRISE NEWS THAT THE 22 PCT HOLDING BY KUWAIT IN BP IS TO BE REFERRED TO THE MONOPOLIES COMMISSION, AND DEALERS SAID THE MAJORITY OF LEADING ISSUES EASED.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE GAVE RISE TO FEARS THAT EVEN IF THE CURRENT BATCH OF BID RUMOURS, WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE MARKET, TURN OUT TO BE TRUE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL TURN OUT TO BE AHEAD. BP PART-PAID SHARES STOOD 2P LOWER AT 74 WHILE THE FULLY-PAID EASED 5P TO 267.

THE FTSE 100 CONTINUED TO HOVER AROUND 1,800 AND AT 1100 GMT WAS DOWN 4.1 POINTS AT 1,805.1 AFTER AN OPENING 1,809.2.

DEALERS' AND ANALYSTS' INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW KUWAIT TO KEEP ITS 22 PCT OF BP BUT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE IT FURTHER.

ROUNDTREE WAS BY FAR THE MOST ACTIVE STOCK WITH OVER 11.8 MLN CHANGING H'ADS DURING THE MORNING SESSION. DEALERS SAID SUCHEAR WAS AGAIN BUYING SHARES IN THE MARKET AS WAS NESTLE, WHO ANNOUNCED A SMALL INCREASE IN ITS STAKE TO 6.66 PCT.

RENEWED SPECULATIVE DEMAND IN A THIN MARKET PUSHED ENGLISH CHINA CLAY UP 24P TO 453 ALTHOUGH VOLUME WAS NOT HEAVY. DEALERS SAID. THERE IS TALK THAT EITHER HANSON TRUST, 1P UP AT 131, OR RTZ, DOWN 1P TO 384, IS PLANNING A BID.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 4, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ADVANCED IN EARLY AFTERNOON AFTER NEW YORK FUTURES REBOUNDED FROM AN INITIAL DOWNTURN. THE METAL WAS FIXED HERE AT 443.25 DLRs AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH ITS MORNING SETTING OF 441.95 DLRs, THE LOWEST FOR SEVEN WEEKS.

GOLD OPENED THIS MORNING AT 443.70/44.20 DLRs AGAINST GOOD SUPPORT AFTER DIPPING BELOW 442 DLRs THIS MORNING BUT GENERALLY LACKED FRESH NEWS AND THE UNDERLYING TONE WAS BEARISH. A FEATURELESS DOLLAR WAS ALSO CURBING PARTICIPATION AHEAD OF U.S. JOBS DATA ON FRIDAY.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 4, REUTER - INTERBANK MARKET WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN THIN, DIRECTIONLESS TRADING, DEALERS SAID.

THEY SAID NO NEW FACTORS HAD EMERGED TO CLARIFY THE NEAR-TERM PATH OF U.K. BASE RATES WITH MOST ACTIVITY CENTERED AROUND THE SHORT DATES AFTER THE BANK OF ENGLAND UNEXPECTEDLY FORECAST A 100 MLN STG LIQUIDITY SURPLUS.

MOST OPERATORS HAD EXPECTED A SMALL SHORTAGE AND OVERNIGHT SEVEN PCT. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTHS RATE STOOD UNCHANGED AT 8.7/16 3/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR	OPG
1.8420/25	1.6810/15	5.7140/70	29.345/505	NOON
STG 1.8635/45	3.31315/50	10.6450/6580	NOON	NOON
DKR 1.6769/6849	3.126/160	339.61/40.25	FIX	
FFR 5.7090/7210	10.639/657	345.45/54	1300	FIX
STG 1.4012/4022	2.6108/6136	83.33/43	24.51/54	CLOSE
HFL 1.8855	3.5135	112.135	32.99	CLOSE
ECU	0.37971	0.737340	2.31419	7.86504
YEN 232.92	232.92	OTHERS	04/05/1988	NOON
SDR RATES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

BR VITA	431/0	REYWOOD W	302/0	302/0
BRANNER	243/0	243/0	178/0	179/0
BRENT CHE	138/0	138/0	330/0	330/0
BRENT WCR	375/0	374/0	371/0	372/0
BRIDON	155/4	156/0	219/0	220/0
BRITANNIC	043/0	050/0	111/0	111/0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 5-6, 1988

International Bond Highlights

International bond highlights 0700 GMT May

London — The Australian Industry Development Corporation is issuing a 100 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due July 1, 1993, paying 10 1/8 pct and priced at 101 3/4 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said. (RTWK 1615).

London — Intel Investments Ltd, a subsidiary of Intel Corp, is issuing a 10 billion yen step-up Eurobond due June 10, 1993, bearing a coupon of 4.5 pct in the first year which rises to 4.8 pct thereafter, said Nomura Securities Ltd as lead manager. (RTXB 1648)

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-1/4 7	8-1/16 8	8-7/16 3/8
FFT 3-25/30	3.35/45	3.45/55
PAR 7-5/16 3/8	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-3/8 1-5/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2 2-1/4
BRX 3.25	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
RON 9-5/8 10-1/8	9-3/4 10-1/4	10-1/4 10-3/4
ANS 3-15/16 4-1/16	4.0 4-1/8	4.0 4-1/8
TOK 3.3125 3750	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU 5.81 5.93	6.06 6.18	6.31 6.43

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	61/16	61/2
3 months	57/8	63/8
6 months	53/4	63/16
1 year	511/16	61/8

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GL/INDIA	67	65-50	67	NICO	510	505	510
ACC 150	149	155	GRASIN	92.50	92	93	NOCIL	450	452.50	450
ASIA PAINT 145	142.50	145	GSFC	102	101	102	ORKAY	25.50	23	23.50
BAJAJ AUTO 202.50	201.25	202.50	HIND LEVER	73	72	73	PEICO	32.50	31.50	32.50
BAR. RAYON 205	205	210	HINDALCO	77	75	76.50	PFIZER	61.50	60.50	61.50
BON. DYEING 130.50	127	128.50	HINDCOCA	76.25	75	77.50	PRE. AUTO	27.50	28	27.50
BR. H. 95.50	93	94	HINDHOTOL	19	18.50	18.75	RAYMOND	45.50	45	45.50
BSE INDEX 482.42	472.55	472.55	IMC OIG	19.50	20	19.50	RELIANCE	120	119	120
CENTURYSPEC 820	817.50	825	IMDRAYON	60	59.25	61.50	SIEMENS	66	65	65
COLGATE 172.50	172	173	IMDROL	162.50	158.75	162.50	SPIC	34.75	34.65	33
DEEPAKFT 28.50	28	29	ITC	36	35	34.50	STDMILLS	245	240	230
ESKAYEF 52	50	52	JKSYNTH	54.50	54.50	55.25	TATA PWR	260	255	250
ESSAR 16.50	16.25	16.25	MAHINDRA	58	58.50	58	TATACHEM	65	65	64
GAR. POLY 76.50	75	76.50	NASTERSIR	10.12	10	10	TELCO	497.50	487.50	480
GE. SHIP 27.15	26	26.37	NATHER PL	77.50	77	82.50	VOLTAZ	281.50	285	290

FRANKFURT

Yeutter praises tough trade bill measures

WASHINGTON, May 4: US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter said he supports even the "confrontational" aspects of the trade bill just passed by Congress because it gives the President enough discretion for carrying out policy.

Although President Reagan is expected to veto this bill over a provision requiring advance notice of plant closings and although Congress is likely to sustain the veto, Yeutter said, the administration still seeks another version of the bill that could become law later this year.

Yeutter made the remarks on May 2, in a speech at a Washington interview with participants in Bonn, West Germany.

"Now clearly there are some elements of that bill that are going to be troubling to some of our trading partners..." Yeutter said. "But it's a market-opening kind of a work product and not a protectionist work product."

Provision

For example, Yeutter defended one provision in the bill aimed at West Germany, among others, seeking open telecommunications markets.

"We believe that is a laudable objective," he said.

If the trade bill becomes law and if President Reagan and his successors administer the law in a sound and productive way, he said, then US trading partners have nothing to worry about.

Yeutter declined to speculate on specific exchange rates but said that if the US trade balance shows deterioration rather than improvement, he expects further depreciation of the dollar.

The trade representative said he does not soon expect integration of US and Japanese monetary policy into the European Monetary System in order to achieve more exchange rate stability.

Businessmen must continue to live with moving exchange rates, he said.

Also, he said, closer economic policy coordination among

nations requires sacrifice of policy independence for substantial discipline that he does not foresee any time soon.

"We're not at the point yet where that has a realistic chance of success, but that doesn't mean we should stop trying," Yeutter said.

The trade bill and the ongoing Uruguay Round of multilateral talks are consistent because both intend to open markets worldwide, he said.

A December mid-session review of the Uruguay Round by trade ministers in Montreal may not produce any final agreements, the US trade representative said, but it must show that significant progress is being made and impart momentum to the second half of the talks.

Progress

If the talks drag on without making progress, governments will start attempting unilateral and bilateral solutions instead, he said.

Yeutter pressed especially hard to have in Montreal at least a framework for an intellectual property code for protecting patents, copyrights and trademarks.

He also warned that without major reform in world agricultural trade, "not just minor reform," the exporting countries face much more confrontations ahead.

Noting growing unrest among Americans over foreign takeovers of US business and property, Yeutter said he was happy that trade bill conferees in Congress dropped the Bryant amendment that would have required disclosure by foreign investors.

As Americans have been telling other countries for years, foreign investment helps them become competitive, he added.

"We can't be hypocritical about this," Yeutter said. "If foreign investment is good in other countries, then foreign investment is good in the United States."

HONG KONG

Kent Hance wants to keep Opec contacts open

AUSTIN, Texas, May 4, (AP): Kent Hance, one of Texas' three oil regulators, says the state benefits from his attendance at last week's Opec meeting, and he plans to keep those contacts open despite the criticism the trip drew.

One group called yesterday for Hance to be prosecuted on charges of violating the Logan act, which bars private citizens from interfering with US foreign and economic policy.

"We're not trying to join Opec, and we're not always going to agree with them," said Kent Hance, who sits on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission. "But when President Reagan tried to get nuclear arms stability, he had to deal with the Russians, who are our enemies."

Hance did not participate in meetings held by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but rather visited some individual oil ministers during his stay in Vienna, Austria.

The critical thing is we're living in a world where someone else sets the price for our commodity. We have to have input," he said in an interview yesterday.

Not everyone agreed. The citizen labour energy coalition, which says it has 12 million members who favour low energy prices, wrote US Attorney General Edwin Meese urging that he prosecute Hance.

"It would appear that commissioner Hance's efforts to assist Opec in fixing world oil prices are in direct opposition to US foreign and economic policy," the letter said.

Commissioner Hance is carrying on a blatant campaign to assist Opec in raising world oil prices and damaging US economic interests.

The Opec meeting ended on Monday with no agreement on a proposed 2 per cent cut in the group's oil production, a move aimed at stabilising prices that have undergone big fluctuations since late 1985.

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Oil prices remain weak

Dollar edges up slightly, gold drops

LONDON, May 4. (Reuter): The dollar firmed slightly and stock markets around the world traded quietly today as traders shrugged off news that US-Japanese farm trade talks collapsed.

Although worries about trade tensions last year sent the dollar tumbling, currency dealers reported little reaction to the breakdown of talks on US exports of oranges, beef and veal to Japan, announced early this morning, European time.

The dollar held steady just above 1.68 West German marks and 125 yen, up slightly from Tuesday's close. It traded at \$1.8640 to the British pound sterling, up three-quarters cent.

London shares eased, as the FTSE index briefly dipped below 1,800, down more than seven points. Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, is closed this week from Tuesday to Thursday for a series of public holidays.

Oil prices remained weak, with

Brent crude oil from the North Sea down two cents at \$16.10 a barrel — and, as many investors' inflation fears eased, the price of gold dropped. Bullion was fixed in London at \$441.95 an ounce, down four dollars from Tuesday's close.

But some dealers say inflation could be reckoned by strong economic growth in the United States, a trend they believe is suggested by a series of recent statistics.

"It's all giving people the feeling that higher interest rates are on the way," said a London currency dealer.

Profitable

That would mean it is more profitable to hold funds in US dollar bonds and bank accounts and so boost demand for the US currency.

Opec is divided over how much to cut output to prop up world oil prices, with one group fearing a slump back to \$10 a barrel unless strong production

cuts are made, an authoritative Opec source said today.

"Countries like Iran, Algeria, Venezuela and Libya consider if there are no production cuts by Opec and non-Opec producers, oil prices may go down to \$10 a barrel," said the source, who spoke to Indonesian reporters on condition he was not identified.

Balance

New downward pressure on prices in 1988 brought an offer from some non-Opec oil producers to join Opec in curbing exports. Referring to last week's Opec meeting, the source said there were basically three camps within the organisation, with differing views about how to respond to the non-Opec offer.

"Another group comprising Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and the UAE, think that the situation will not be that bad," he stated.

"They think at present there is a balance between oil supply and demand and predict that there

will be an increase in demand in the third and fourth quarters (of 1988) due to the winter season, and prices will not go down even though Opec members have not reached agreement in their meeting (last week).

The third group, including Indonesia and Nigeria, estimate the current oil supply in the world market at around 64 days and it is not too great to affect prices. We believe prices, when they do go down, will only decline slightly," the source added.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, Koichi Kato, chairman of the subcommittee on farm trade liberalisation in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said in a television interview that the failure of the US-Japanese citrus and beef talks was inevitable given the wide difference of the two sides.

The dollar's steadiness buoyed Frankfurt share prices — investors fear a weak US currency will

price West German goods off world markets. The 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opened 2.26 points higher at 290.71.

Paris shares rose 0.65 per cent, as one dealer said "(takeover) bid speculation is giving a lot of froth to the market."

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US has record trade, deficit with communist governments

WASHINGTON, May 4, (AP): The United States had record trade — and a record deficit — last year with countries ruled by communist governments, the US International Trade Commission reports.

Total exchanges in both directions increased to \$13.8 billion from \$1.7 billion in 1986. The United States bought \$2.5 billion worth of goods more than it sold, compared with 1.6 billion last year.

Purchases

It was the second time the United States had a deficit in trade with these countries since 1965. The report, dated April 1988, was made available this week.

The deficit would have been greater except for the US government subsidies on the sale of wheat, a major export to these countries. The Soviet Union, China, Poland and Bulgaria all benefited from these subsidies.

The Soviets agreed to buy 4 million metric tons for delivery

before Sept. 30, their first purchases since October 1985. By the end of the year, they had agreed to buy another 4.815 million tons for the following crop year. US exports of wheat to the Soviets were worth \$389.148 million in 1987.

US government subsidies on these sales varied from \$19 to 40 a ton. They were given to meet competition from other countries, largely in Western Europe, which also subsidised their exports.

Imports

The commission, an independent US government agency, said that although the Soviets had a good overall grain crop last year, wheat output declined by nearly 15 per cent and much of what they produced was not quality wheat.

China bought 4 million tons. Sales of US wheat to China were worth \$139.202 million in 1987, but it was not the leading US export as it was to the Soviet Union. US shipments of pas-

ger aircraft were worth \$328.187 million and fertilisers cost the Chinese \$270 million.

The growth of US imports from communist governments was almost entirely the result of increased buying from China. More than a third of the US purchases from China were clothes and other textiles — yarns, fabrics and household goods — for a total value of \$2.5 billion, up from \$1.1 billion the year before.

There was also a rapid growth in imports of machinery from China: equipment for telecommunications, and sound recording and reproducing as well as electrical machinery and appliances.

China was the biggest US partner among the communist governments, with trade totalling \$9.7 billion. The US deficit was 2.8 billion.

US trade with the Soviets was considerably smaller: \$1.9 billion — US exports — \$1.477 billion — were more than three times imports — \$408.205 million.

Iran carpet industry reviving

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 4, (AP): Iran exported 12,000 tons of hand-woven carpets last year in the official market, but many also were shipped to foreign countries illegally by smugglers, officials said yesterday.

Iran's Exports Promotion Centre in Tehran said West Germany was the biggest market for the carpets, having bought 1.03 million marks, (\$620 million) worth in 1987.

The centre, which did not give an overall value for the Iranian carpet exports, said a "high percentage" of fine quality Persian carpets was smuggled to major markets in the world.

It gave no estimate of the value of the contraband but called on Iranian security forces to make strong efforts to stop the smuggling.

The centre, whose report was quoted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, said Iran's carpet industry had recovered after a slump from 1981-3. It gave no comparative figures.

In the early years of the Islamic revolution, carpet exports were banned on the grounds that carpets were a part of the nation's store of wealth, but this led to a recession in the industry.

As the war dragged on, and as oil prices slumped, the government changed course and again allowed carpets to be exported but only under strict regulations.

Despite the upheaval of the revolution and the Gulf war, Iran's reputation as a producer of fine carpets has not been significantly affected.

Plan to set up joint aluminium smelter in Doha

DOHA, May 4, (Opec): Gulf Arab countries will jointly set up an aluminium smelter here, under a \$1 billion investment programme.

According to Ahmet Al Mana, chairman of the national committee for the project, Qatar's north gasfield is one factor behind the decision to set up the smelter here as the facility will operate on gas.

The plant is designed for an annual capacity of 180,000 tonnes of aluminium which could be doubled at a later stage.

The feasibility study on the smelter was conducted by the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting.

Trading volumes climbing back from lows

Investors return to post-crash stock markets

LONDON, May 4, (Reuter): Investors are at last returning to play the world's stock markets, after the crash of '87 led them to slash back share trading.

In major financial centres around the world, stock exchange officials and brokers told Reuter correspondents that trading volumes are climbing back from post-crash lows.

But many are unsure that trading activity will keep climbing to match last year's peaks — not the most encouraging news for brokers who earn their money from the fees which clients pay for each share purchase or sale order completed.

And they say high-paying jobs in the world's stock markets still do not appear to be as secure as they seemed before the crash, leading which thousands of brokers and dealers were fired.

"Even if a minuscule percentage of Maruyu money comes in, it can have substantial effect," said senior broker Yozo Asai of Yamaichi Securities Co. Ltd.

British investors are also still interested in shares, says Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the London Stock Exchange.

"The market is recovering its nerve," said John Fordyce, a dealer with Paris broker Ferri International.

"It really is astounding that we only that much lower than last year," said Nicolas Bader, president of the Zurich Stock Exchange.

But he said he does not expect volume will keep rising to match

last summer's hectic trading.

In Tokyo, analysts say investors are heartened by Japan's strong economic growth.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development expects the Japanese economy to grow by 3.25 per cent in the first half of 1988, well above the average 2.25 per cent for the 24 leading industrial nations.

"Volumes are nearly fully recovered," said Takeshi Murakami, deputy branch manager of Schroder Securities in Tokyo.

The Tokyo market should also get a boost from the abolition of "Maruyu" — Japan's traditional tax-free treatment of small savings deposits, which some analysts estimate had totalled 300 trillion yen (\$2.4 trillion).

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"The predictions of mass disillusion among individual investors look wrong," he says. "I believe — and there is evidence for this in quick surveys by investors — that there has been a cooling off of enthusiasm rather than disillusion."

Others are not as confident.

"The general public is not getting back in as quickly as some

Malaysia suggests cocoa-tin trade off with Brazil

JAKARTA, May 4, (Reuter): Malaysia has suggested a possible trade off with Brazil to help strengthen sagging world cocoa prices, a delegation from the International Cacao Organisation (Ico) said yesterday.

The suggestion involves the possibility of Kuala Lumpur joining the 38-member Ico in return for Brazil becoming a member of the Association of Tin Producing Countries (Atpc), the delegation told a Jakarta news conference.

Output

Russchen said there was nothing the Ico could do officially to secure a trade off, but some members had raised the issue informally with Brazil.

The Atpc, which comprises Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, Bolivia, Nigeria and Zaire, has been pressuring Brazil and China to join the association, which has helped raise prices by restricting supplies after a collapse in 1985.

The delegation met Indonesian Agriculture Minister Wardoyo on Tuesday and Russchen

said it emphasised the importance of "maximum producer participation within the framework of the Ico."

Malaysia has become the world's third largest cocoa producer after Ivory Coast and Brazil, while Indonesia's output is relative low but rising rapidly.

The delegation, which includes Peter Baron of West Germany who is spokesman for cocoa consuming countries, and Mamah Mohammed of Ghana who represents the producing countries, said both Indonesia and Malaysia had agreed to review their position in relation to the Ico.

Importance

Baron said there was a need for a quick response. "The (cocoa) market is in such a bad condition that we just can't afford to wait anymore," he stated.

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emerged over a period of time.

In this context, special mention must be made at the very outset of the drive towards uniformity and the emergence of an over-regulatory system which have been curbing free enterprise within the banking industry.

No doubt, since banks came under common ownership after nationalisation, there was also a need for standardisation at some level. Standardisation, insofar as it gives structure to an organisation, is indeed a welcome feature.

But if the idea of uniformity is pushed too far in the name of standardisation, then individual banks are likely to be converted into mere bureaucratic departments that are deprived of the initiative to innovate.

Ownership

Common ownership should not be interpreted to mean complete uniformity in the functioning of banks. That is why attempts at standardising the norms for the working of banks should be re-examined in the light of their need to maintain their separate identities and work ethos as well as the need to encourage and promote dynamism and enterprise.

It would be better for the banking industry as a whole if the overall parameters are defined and banks are left relatively free to work within these parameters.

areas and are also more time consuming.

Again, if these experiments have to be made generally acceptable, an organisation has to invest a large amount of time, energy and resources in them.

Moreover, any 'failure' of a macro-level experiment will directly affect the earnings of an organisation. Instead, if experiments are confined to the micro level, the resources required are not only limited but even the risk of failure will be restricted to a smaller area.

This gives an organisation the freedom to enlarge the experiment to other levels if it is considered successful and need-oriented.

The present system of bank regulation tilts more towards control than freedom. It needs to change and the relationship between banks and their supervisory authorities should be marked by trust.

Overall, it is desirable that flexibility should be the order of the day and banks should be free to frame policies and introduce systems for better development and management. At the same time, the supervisory system has to be given a different shape with the monitoring being more discreet. In such a system banks will flower creatively into a progressive-oriented industry.

Experimentation can be of two types: macro level and micro level. Experiments conducted at the macro level need more resources, have to cover wider

Oil exports climb

Iraq economy poised for growth

BAGHDAD, May 4, (AP): Iraq's economy, which faltered in the 1986 oil price collapse, has recovered partly because the war with Iran has forced President Saddam Hussein to streamline a bloated bureaucracy and boost efficiency.

Oil prices are firmer. Iraqi oil exports are climbing and Saddam has sold off inefficient state-owned enterprises in a programme aimed at revitalising the private sector, long suppressed by Iraq's heavy-handed socialist policies.

Planning Minister Sami Majeed Faraj said last week that Iraq will allow trading with other countries to invest in Iraq with guaranteed returns and repayment of their taxes.

Stake

In the past year, the government has sold off bus companies, poultry farms, dairies, gas stations and supermarkets and other businesses and is trying to get outside investors to buy a stake in Iraqi Airways, the national flag carrier.

In another effort to boost efficiency, Saddam abolished labour laws that had guaranteed

employment. Diplomats said the reforms are the most sweeping economic changes in two decades and aim to strip the state of its economic functions and to coax people to invest savings.

Saddam launched his economic reforms in early 1987 after oil prices had plunged from \$28 a barrel to below \$10. Iraqi oil revenues slumped to \$7.8 billion in 1986. Now, with oil prices back up to around \$16-18 a barrel, Iraq expects to earn around \$14 billion this year.

Prices

Now, with former oil prices across Turkey and Saudi Arabia that carries 2.3 million barrels of oil a day, slightly below the pre-war output, Iraq has renegotiated contracts with many of its Japanese creditors.

It has also won promises of new pipelines across Turkey and Saudi Arabia that carries 2.3 million barrels of oil a day, slightly below the pre-war output. To bolster its position with credits, Iraq has more than 100 billion barrels of proven oil reserves.

Dear Junior Readers,

What's the first thing you do when you get in the car? Do you start fussing with your brothers and sisters about who gets to sit by the window or in the front seat? Or do you turn on the radio and find your favorite music? These are not the first things you should do.

The first thing you should do when you get in the car is to reach for your seat belt and snap it together. Everyone in the car should hear the snap of the seat belts before any other sound is heard. After you hear the "seat belt snap", you are ready to start your trip.

The "seat belt snap" will protect your life. Memorize the poem below. It will help you remember to snap your seat belt everytime you get in the car.

Aunt Barbara

Seat belt snap

When you get in the car
Traveling near or far,
Just reach across your lap
And do the "seat belt snap".

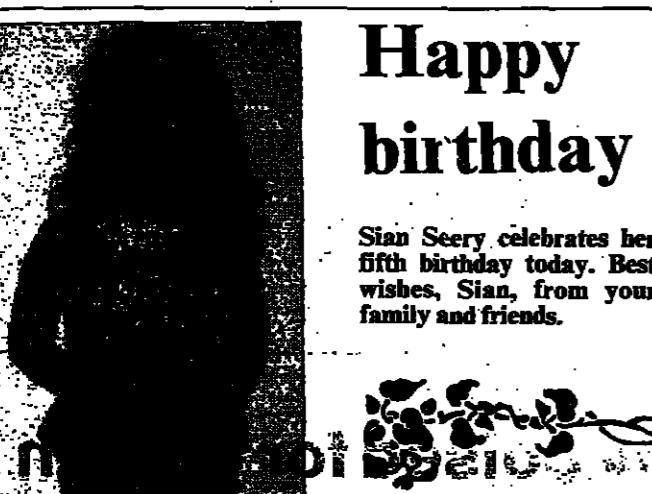
Let the radio be
First reach across your lap
And do the "seat belt snap".

The whole family should do it
There's really nothing to it,
Always reach across your lap
And do the "seat belt snap".

Don't turn the key

Happy birthday

Sian Seery celebrates her
fifth birthday today. Best
wishes, Sian, from your
family and friends.

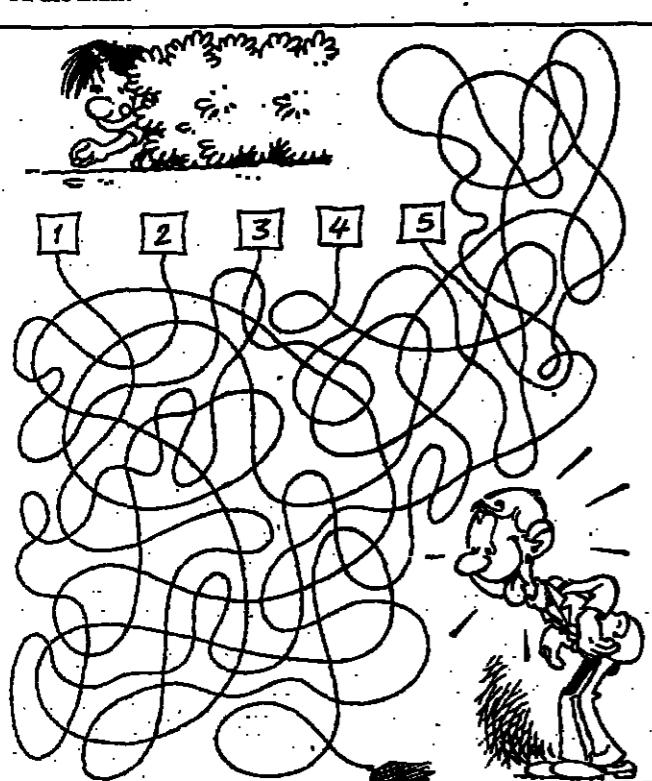


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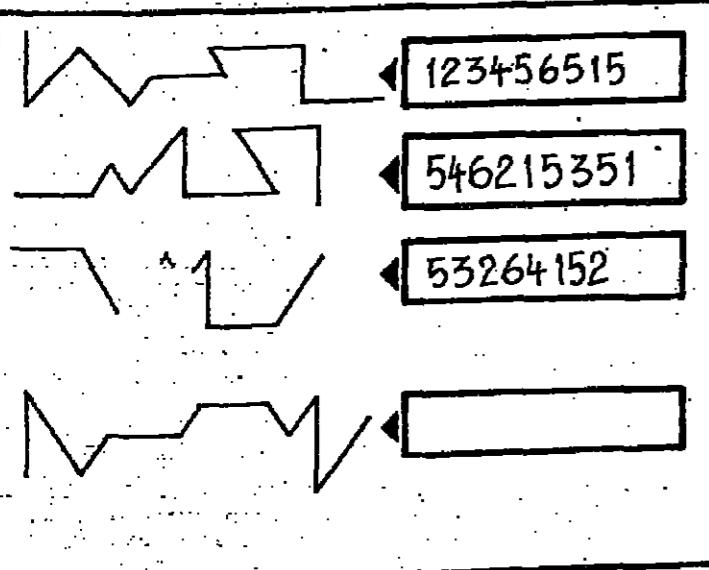
Wallet Wally

Which string must the mischievous boy pull to play a trick on the man?



Code works

With the help of the numbers and their codes shown above, can you determine which numbers must be placed in the empty box to maintain the coded sequence?



ONCE upon a time, there lived a King who have seven beautiful daughters. But of all his daughters, the youngest was the most beautiful.

This princess had one favourite among all her toys. It was a golden ball. She spent many hours throwing it up into the air and catching it.

Near the King's castle was a huge, dense forest. Under a big tree on the edge of the forest there was a deep, dark pool.

On a hot day it was pleasant to rest under the cool shade of the tree, by the pool. The princess often went there to play by herself.

The youngest princess used to run about on the grass near the pool, throwing up her golden ball and catching it.

One day, however, when the princess threw up her ball, it did not fall into her outstretched hands. It fell onto the grass and bounded into the deep pool with a loud splash.

The princess could not bear to think that she had really lost her beautiful, golden ball. She began to cry. And the more she thought about the loss of her favourite toy, the louder she cried.

As the princess wept, she heard a voice saying, "Why do you weep, young princess? What is wrong?"

The princess looked up to see who was speaking to her. She could not see anyone nearby. There was only a frog, sitting at the edge of the pool.

So she said to the frog, "I am crying because my beautiful, golden ball has fallen into this deep pool."

"Do not cry," said the frog. "I can help you to get your ball. But what will you give me if I find it for you?"

"I will give anything you wish for," replied the princess. "You can have my clothes or my jewels or even my golden crown, if only you will find my golden ball."

"I do not want your clothes or your jewels or even your golden crown," replied the frog.

"I should like you to love me. I want you to let me be your friend and play with you. I want to sit beside you at the table, eat from your golden plate and drink from your golden cup. I want to sleep in your bed beside you."

"If you will promise me these things," went on the frog, "I shall dive down into the deep and find your golden ball. Do you promise?"

The princess thought that the frog was talking a lot of nonsense. Also, she wanted her golden ball very much. So she said, "Yes, I will promise all that you ask, if only you will find my golden ball for me."

At these words, the frog dived into the pool.

The frog dived deep into the pool and soon came swimming up again with

the golden ball in his mouth.

He threw the ball onto the grass. The princess was so happy to see her favourite plaything once again. She picked it up and laughed with delight as she threw it into the air and caught it again and again.

Then she turned her back on the frog and the pool, and ran away through the forest towards her father's castle.

"Wait for me! Wait for me!" croaked the poor frog. "I can't run as fast as you can!" And he hopped along behind, trying to catch up with the princess. She did not turn around but just kept on running.

Just then another knock was heard on the door and a voice cried out: "Youngest princess, hear me call. Remember you lost your golden ball. As you played by yourself beside the pool.

I dived into the waters cool, And your ball I found and returned to you.

Now please remember your promise true. Take me along to live with you."

"When a promise is made it must be kept," said the King to his daughter. "Go and open the door."

The youngest princess went and opened the door.

As she returned to her chair, the frog hopped behind her. When she sat down, the frog said, "Put me on the table beside you, please."

The princess hesitated

but the King told her to do so as the frog asked.

When the frog was on the table, he said to the princess, "Please push your little, golden plate nearer to me. Then we can eat together from the same plate."

The princess did so, but very unwillingly. She barely touched her food and each mouthful seemed to choke her. The frog, however, enjoyed every bite he ate.

When he had finished eating, the frog turned to the princess and said, "Now I am tired, please take me to your room and we will lie on your little, golden bed and go to sleep."

At that the youngest princess burst into tears. She did not like to touch the gold, little frog and she could not bear to think of him beside her in her own bed.

Then the King grew angry and spoke sternly to his daughter. "If someone helps you when you are in trouble," he said, "you cannot afterwards turn your back on him. Take the frog and with you to your room."

So the princess had to pick up the frog and take him to her room.

She put him in a corner of the room, as far as possible from the bed. Then she got into her golden bed and turned her back on him.

The princess knew she had no choice, for her father would insist that she kept her promise. So, with

tears running down her face, she picked up the frog, climbed back into bed and put him on the golden pillow beside her.

No sooner had she done so than the frog turned into a handsome prince! Not only was he handsome but had a kind face and he smiled gently at the startled princess.

Then he told her how he had been bewitched by a wicked witch and turned into a frog. The spell could only be broken if a beautiful princess would take this frog as her companion, live with him, eat with him and sleep with him.

The prince told the princess how he had often watched her playing with her golden ball into the forest and how he had fallen in love with her.

"Dear princess, will you now marry me?" he asked.

The princess looked into his kind face and agreed to do as he asked.

Then, hand-in-hand, they went to tell the King what had happened.

The next day they set off in a carriage driven by six white horses. They travelled to the kingdom of the prince's father. When they arrived, there was great rejoicing at the return of the prince who had not been seen for many years.

Some time later, the prince and the princess were married and they lived happily ever after.

The golden ball was kept in their palace, inside a special glass case and resting on a purple cushion.

The princess and the frog

you?" he asked. "Is there a giant outside the door who wishes to carry you away?"

"Oh no! dear Father," replied the princess. "There is no giant outside the door, only a horrible, slimy frog."

"What does the frog want with you?" asked the King.

Then the princess told her father what had happened in the forest the day before. "I promised him that he could live with me," she said, "but I never thought he would come so far from the water."

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Let's cook

Butterfly cakes

Ingredients

125g (5 oz) butter
Equipment
Teaspoon

Small mixing bowl
Wooden Spoon

Sieve
Sharp pointed knife

1. Sieve the icing sugar into the bowl.

2. Add the butter and mix them together with the wooden spoon until soft

Equipment

Mixing bowl

Sieve

Wooden spoon

Teaspoon

Knife

20 paper cake cases

Baking tray

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 5 (electricity 375°F/190°C).

2. Place the sugar, margarine and eggs in the mixing bowl.

3. Sift the flour and baking powder over the other ingredients.

4. Beat all these together for 2-3 minutes with a wooden spoon.

5. Spoon the mixture into the 20 paper cases and stand them on a baking tray.

6. Place in the oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool before decorating.

Butter icing

Ingredients

250g (10 oz) icing sugar

and creamy.

3. Cover mixture with a clean damp cloth until you are ready to use.

4. Using a sharp knife, carefully cut a circle out of the top of each cake.

5. Cut this circle of cake in half to make 2 butterfly wings.

6. Spoon a little of the butter icing onto the top of each cake and put the two "wings" on top of the icing.

Variations & flavourings

To the basic cake mixture,

one of the following can be added: Orange — add grated rind of one orange; Chocolate or coffee — add 1 dessertspoonful of cocoa or coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoonful of water; Coffee and Walnut — as for coffee with 50g (2 oz) chopped walnuts.

and creamy.

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Cross reference

The object is to discover which letter of the alphabet each number in the diagram represents. Repeat the starter letters wherever their respective numbers occur; this should give you enough clues to start guessing at likely words.

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SPORTS

West Indies
to maintain
fast-bowling
barrage

LONDON, May 4. (Reuter): Viv Richards intends to maintain West Indies' traditional fast-bowling barrage in the forthcoming Tests against England, even though they have to bowl 90 overs a day.

West Indies have never agreed a maximum figure on previous tours but face the daily total of at least 60 overs in the five Tests this time, following a proposal passed last year's International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting.

The West Indians continued preparations for their tour which officially opens on Saturday, captain Richards said: "We will do our best to get the overs in by six o'clock, because no-one likes doing overtime."

"But I don't think this regulation will change the way we play. If we have to go on a bit beyond that, then I just hope the weather is good enough."

Specialist

The emphasis of the West Indies attack is very much on fast bowling, with six pacers and only one specialist slow bowler, off-spinner Roger Harper, in their squad of 17.

Richards added: "I think we have a wonderful mixture — a few old heads and some young lions. We should be all right."

"Since beating England 5-0 in the Caribbean in 1986, West Indies have drawn their last four Test series, but Richards is encouraged by that record.

"I think we have done well in view of the players we have lost," said the West Indian captain. "Not to have been beaten in a series during that time is a great achievement."

"We are in a rebuilding process and I am quite certain that if we get the breaks this summer we can come up trumps."

Azinger makes predictions on Invitational

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 4. (AP): The history of the Las Vegas Invitational is a short one, going back only to 1983.

But it's long enough for Paul Azinger to draw some conclusions and make some predictions for the five-day chase that began today.

"It's an established player who wins, a man who wins it goes on to have a great year," Azinger, the defending champion, said before a practice round yesterday.

"Look at the winners since '84," Azinger said. "(Dennis) Watson, and he's a multiple winner that year."

"Curtis (strange) in '85 and he sets a money-winning record and wipes out everybody."

"(Greg) Norman in '86 and he sets a money-winning record and wipes out the world."

"And I win it '87 and have a great year," said Azinger, who went on to take Player of the Year honours, three titles and \$22,481.

Official

"The reason it takes an established player is the money (\$1,388,889 total official this year). When Watson won, I knew there was no possible way I could let myself win with that much money at stake. No way."

"I was so impressed I could let myself win last year."

"It's reaching a new plateau. After you're there, the money doesn't enter into your thinking," Azinger said.

"But you have to reach that plateau before you can do it," said Azinger, who won earlier this season and is coming off a two-week break.

"I'm hitting the ball absolutely the best I ever have," he said. "Everything is strong. Every part of the game. My confidence is very high," he said.

Cram and Aouita to run in Nice

NICE, France, May 4. (Reuter): Briton Steve Cram and Moroccan Said Aouita return here in July to the track where they became the first athletes to break the three minutes 30 seconds barrier for the 1,500 metres three years ago.

Organisers of the Nice Grand Prix on July 10 said Aouita would run in the 1,500 metres. They said Cram had not yet said which race he would enter.

Cram beat Aouita by 0.04 of a second in 1985 to win in a world record time of three minutes 29.67 seconds.

S. African swimmer

CANBERRA, May 4. (Reuter): South African 1,500 metres freestyle swimmer Gary Brinkman might not be allowed to swim for Australia at this year's Seoul Olympics despite marrying an Australian citizen, a government official said yesterday.

Brinkman married an Australian last month after advertising for a wife in the hope of qualifying for Seoul.

FRASER GRABS HAT-TRICK

Imran's half ton lifts Sussex

LONDON, May 4. (Reuter): Middlesex's uncapped fast-medium bowler Angus Fraser claimed a hat-trick after a skilful half century by Imran Khan rescued Sussex in their Benson and Hedges Cup cricket match yesterday.

Fraser, who is showing considerable promise this season after making his debut four years ago, took wickets with the last three deliveries of the 55-over innings.

Sussex scored 182 for nine and Middlesex were 62 for one from 22 overs at the end of the rain-hit day at Lord's. The match was to continue today.

Caught

Fraser, who finished with three for 39 in his 11 overs, had Simon Kimber caught at cover, bowled Imran for 71 and also bowled Rodney Bunting.

Pakistan captain Imran, who came in at 30 for two, took 31 balls to get off the mark but his technique and experience guided Sussex to a relatively respectable score. He and Neil Lennham (55) put on 87 in 30 overs for the third wicket.

Former England openers Paul Terry and Chris Smith combined to spur Glamorgan to victory by 10 wickets over Glamorgan at Southampton.

Terry, who hit an unbeaten 80 off 135 balls, and Smith, 70 not out, shared an unbroken first-wicket partnership of 158 as Hampshire won with eight overs



Imran: rescued Sussex

to spare.

Glamorgan lost their first three wickets in nine deliveries after being put in and were unable to reach 100. Ravi Shastri for their final score of 157 for nine. He made 55, Terry 80 not out, C. Smith 70 not out.

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wickets left when the rain-hit game continues today. An opening stand of 136 in 36 overs between Grahame Clinton (94 not out) and David Smith (55) put Surrey on course for success.

Scores

Group A

At Derby: Warwickshire 233 for five innings closed (Asif Din 67 not out, P. Smith 43) v Derbyshire.

At Trent Bridge: Yorkshire eight for no wicket off three overs v Nottinghamshire.

Group C

At the Oval: Kent 245 for eight innings closed (N. Taylor 137, I. Greig three for 24). Surrey 182 for one off 45 overs (G. Clinton 94 not out, D. Smith 55).

At Lord's: Sussex 182 for nine innings closed (Imran Khan 71, N. Lennham 55, K. Fraser three for 39). Middlesex 62 for one off 22 overs.

Group D

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by 10 wickets. Glamorgan 157 for nine innings closed (R. Shastri 55, K. James three for 31). Hampshire 158 for no wicket in 47 overs (V. Terry 80 not out, C. Smith 70 not out).

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● All the winners of the Al Mulla Badminton Cup, held recently, with Ivan Pacheco — director of Al Mulla Group. The men's and women's singles titles were won by Regi Joseph and Renny John respectively. Ravi Mathews and Cherry George took the men's doubles crown while Renny Tharian and Susan Jacob won the women's doubles. John Kurian and Suja Varghese clinched the mixed doubles title.

S. Korea unveils secret Army for 1988 Games

Lakers edge Spurs for 2nd round

NEW YORK, May 4. (AP): Magic Johnson had 25 points and 11 assists and Mychal Thompson scored 23 points as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs 109-107 last night and advanced to the second round of the NBA playoffs.

The Spurs could have sent the game into overtime, but Johnny Dawkins missed a layup with four seconds remaining, and the Lakers ran out the clock.

The Lakers, who have won 15 consecutive first-round games and swept their last five first-round series, will face the winner of the Portland-Utah series in the next round.

Walter Berry came off the Spurs bench to lead all scorers with 27 points, while Frank Brickowski added 22.

The Spurs had a 91-89 lead at the beginning of the final period, but Thompson's basket with 8:16 left tied the score at 97.

James Worthy later gave the Lakers the lead for good at 104-102. A basket by Johnson was offset by a field goal by Greg Anderson, making the score 106-104 with 2:50 left before Johnson scored three straight points to left tied the score at 109-109.

In the southern city of Pusan, where the yachting events will be held, an elaborate security corridor has been arranged.

Commando frogmen will patrol the yachting courses, naval gunboats will be close by and frigates will be stationed further out to sea.



Black-clad police commandos demonstrate anti-terrorist techniques. (Reuter wirephoto)

would-be terrorist was clear: think twice before messin with this bunch.

A senior police officer at the camp said that members of his unit had undergone training in Britain with the SAS and the counter-terrorist services in West Germany, France and the United States.

Senior anti-terrorist personnel from all over countries had also visited Seoul to advise on training and strategy, he said.

The total number of men attached to the unit remains a secret. But security officials said scores of 12- to 16-man commando squads will be deployed throughout Seoul from August in preparation for the Olympics, which start on September 17.

Acts

The commandos emptied live machine-guns bullets into cardboard "terrorist" blast-bombed as Olympic village apartment to only with acts of terrorism. Other operations at more than 300

Games facilities will be carried out by about 100,000 police and military personnel.

The photographs show Bud apparently receiving a bouquet of flowers from a little girl on the podium at a New Year's Eve road race in the South African town of Randfontein.

Some of the pictures show her alongside former track star Fanie van Zyl, who is holding a microphone and appears to be addressing a crowd of people below the stand.

The photographs have been resting in the photo library of the Johannesburg newspaper Vuurkrant (Fatherland) and only one has previously been published.

Joking

"Those pictures were taken after the event," Van Zyl told Reuters yesterday. "We were just joking around while people were packing up. Zola was never on the podium in any official capacity."

Bud, who became a British citizen in 1984, has been accused by anti-apartheid campaigners in Europe of violating South Africa's exclusion from world sports by participating in two races here last year.

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The Mavericks 93, Rockets 92

Roy Tarpley scored six of his 17 points in the final minutes, including the go-ahead basket with 5:43 to play, leading Dallas over Houston.

The Mavericks, who ended a five-game playoff losing streak on the road, had to overcome 35 points and 12 rebounds by Akeem Olajuwon and some last-minute heroics by the Rockets.

Cavaliers 110, Bulls 102

Mark Price scored 31 points and Larry Nance and Brad Daugherty each made a critical basket in the final minute as Cleveland held off a Chicago rally.

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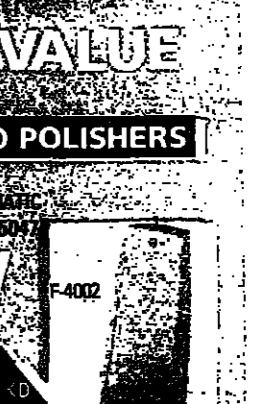
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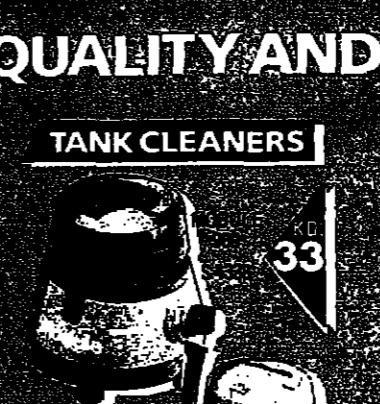
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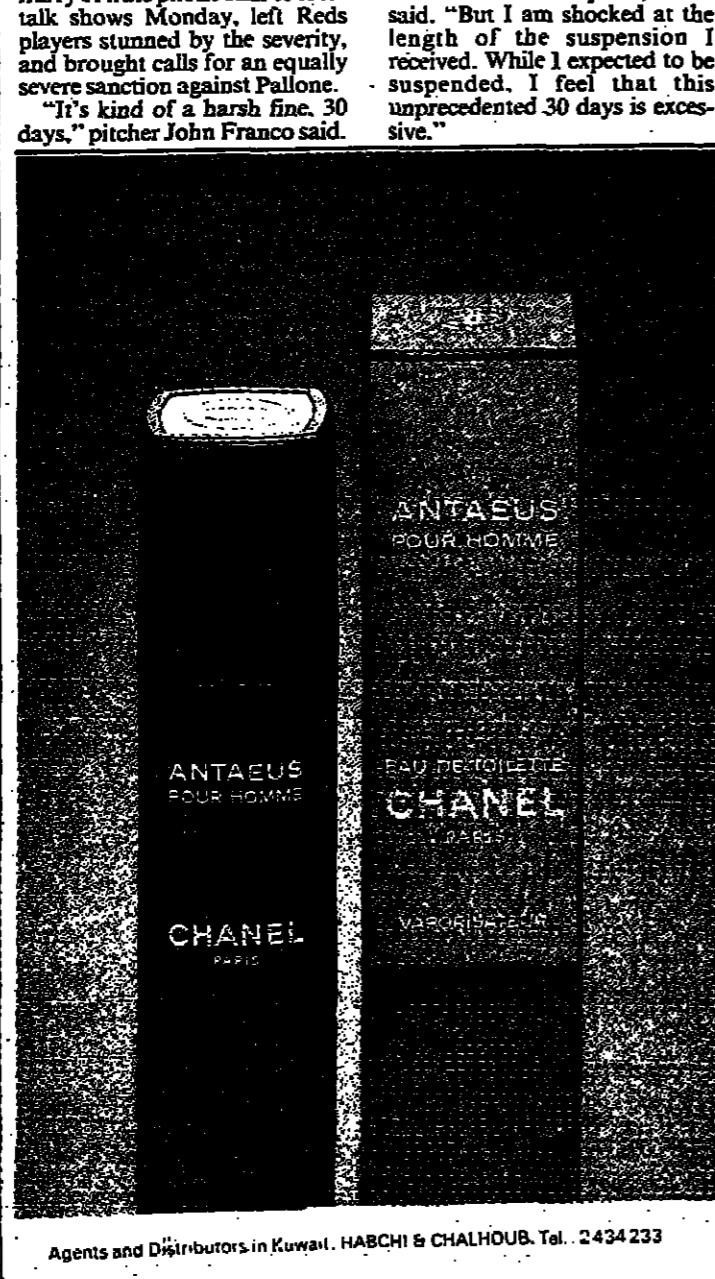
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Italian Open

ROME, May 4. (Reuter): Towering West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch breezed into the third round of the Italian Open women's tennis tournament yesterday, routing Italian Kathy Caverzasio 6-0 6-1 in just three-quarters of an hour.

Newcastle player

LONDON, May 4. (Reuter): Newcastle's new, expensive signing John Robertson cannot make his debut for the English First Division side in the final match of the season against West Ham on Saturday in case his team win by eight goals.

Player-coach

COVENTRY, England, May 4. (AP): England international Cyrille Regis yesterday took a first step towards becoming the nation's first black soccer manager when he was appointed player-coach of Coventry City.

Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, May 4. (Reuter): Diego Maradona looks certain to be out of action for champions Napoli in Sunday's vital Italian League clash against Fiorentina because of a thigh injury, the team doctor said yesterday.

Balloon race

PALM SPRINGS, California, May 4. (UPI): The giant helium-filled Rosie O'Grady made an emergency landing on an island in the Gulf of California early yesterday to capture the world's oldest balloon race, officials said.

European list

LONDON, May 4. (Reuter): Mike Harwood of Australia, winner of the Portuguese Open golf tournament on Sunday, has jumped 49 places to second in the European money winners' list which was issued today.

Dope tests

PARIS, May 4. (Reuter): The French athletics federation said yesterday it would introduce immediately random dope tests for athletes outside competition as part of international efforts to stamp out drug-taking in sport.

Bridge

RESULTS OF THE SAS Bridge Game played on Sunday:

1st Sandra Turvey & Gill Wilkie
2nd Joann Albel & Camille Georges
3rd Lyne Edwards & Paul Leavoy
4th Diane Potts & Paul Leavoy
5th Diane Potts & Paul Leavoy
6th Camille Georges & Sandra Turvey

EDBERG AND ZIVOJINOVIC EXTENDED TO THREE SETS

Perez stuns McEnroe in 1st round

NEW YORK, May 4. (Reuter): A well-behaved but error-prone John McEnroe was bounced out of the Tournament of Champions in the first round yesterday by Diego Perez of Uruguay.

Perez took advantage of 52 unforced errors and five double faults by the McEnroe, seeded fourth, to stall his comeback with a 7-6 2-6 3-6 victory in two hours and 36 minutes.

McEnroe, 29, who has won this event twice—in 1983 and '84—and who grew up near the Forest Hills venue, never found his groove and failed to play his usual attacking game.

Nervous

"I just played good enough to win, but he played pretty bad," said Perez, admitting he was nervous during the match.

This \$677,500 tournament is now left with just one major star—top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden, who beat John Ross of the United States 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Seventeen-year-old Venezuelan qualifier Nicolas Pereira, playing in his first Grand Prix tournament, upset 12th seed Paul Annacone 7-5 7-6.



Zivojinovic: stretched by Courier

against the 46th-ranked American with a service winner at 7-6, his second match point, to advance to the second round.

"I've never beaten a famous

player in my life so it's very important for me," said Pereira, ranked 323 in the world.

In other first-round matches, eighth-seeded Slobodan Zivojinovic was extended to three sets before beating American Jim Courier 6-4 1-6 6-2, and seventh seed American Aaron Krickstein finished off Spain's Juan Aguilera 2-6 6-1 6-2 in a match that was suspended by rain after two sets on Monday.

Perez, much happier on clay than McEnroe, who called it his "worst surface," was able to take advantage of an unusually tentative McEnroe early in the first set and won 10 of the first 11 points.

McEnroe lost his serve for the second time in the 11th game to fall behind 5-6, but broke right back to force the tiebreak. The former world number one committed four straight unforced errors to fall behind 0-4 in the tiebreaker and lost 7-2 on his third double fault of the set.

Several calls went against the often ill-tempered McEnroe, but after questioning them he took them in stride.

McEnroe played better in the

second set but never appeared sharp and never took control.

Perez, 26, broke McEnroe in the second and sixth games of the deciding set to take a commanding 5-1 lead.

The 14th-ranked McEnroe fought off two match points in the dramatic 20-point seventh game and converted his sixth break point to survive another game. But Perez held serve at 15 in the ninth game to close out the match.

"I would like to have done really well in New York," McEnroe said. "Mentally, I just didn't concentrate. I do feel nervous (in New York) because I want to play better and I end up playing worse."

McEnroe did not play for seven months following the US Open in September because of a suspension for on-court misbehavior and a chronic back injury. He said he was not concerned about what the loss means to his comeback.

"I'm not really worried. If I don't become number one (again) but I'm number five, who knows, maybe it will turn out that I don't mind that."

McEnroe played better in the

UEFA impose limit of four foreign players

they are allowed back in European competition.

Georges, confirming no exception had been made for clubs in Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales, said: "We are talking about separate soccer federations, not countries. Britain has four federations, not one."

English League and club officials reacted angrily to the new rule.

"It is a very severe blow to the ambitions of our major clubs," Football League Secretary Graham Kelly said. "It will be very damaging if the rule remains."

Colin Harvey, manager of the year's English champions Everton, said the proposals were "heavily weighted" against English clubs, currently banned from Europe but who could be readmitted for the start of next season.

Harvey added: "I do not think that many of the leading clubs in England and Scotland will accept it." Everton secretary Jim Greenwood said that he expected massive opposition to the rule.

Of the present Liverpool side who won the First Division title last month, only six qualify as English, while just five of the Everton side who won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1985 were English.

Rangers, knocked out of the European Cup at the quarter-final stage this season, were assisted by five Englishmen and were known to be considering buying more players from south of the border for next season.

Resigned

But UEFA are allowing a three-year period before this law takes effect. So until the end of the 1990-91 season, all players registered with clubs on or before yesterday's date will be exempt from the ruling.

British Isles clubs, particularly Scottish and English sides when they are re-admitted to European competition, will feel the effect of the new legislation more than most because for the purposes of the rule, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland will be regarded as separate countries.

Glasgow Rangers, for example, who have several non-Scots on their books, will be allowed to keep the new maximum. The same will apply to the multi-national Liverpool side when

Government holds key to return of English clubs

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, May 4. (Reuter): England's three-year exile from European club soccer competitions will end this year only if the British government gives its consent.

Jacques Georges, French president of the European Football Union (UEFA), said after a

meeting here yesterday that government support would be a crucial factor in re-admitting English sides following the

Heysel stadium tragedy in 1985. "Government support is a condition about the English clubs coming back," Georges said. "If they say no—that's it. If we have no one to control the hooligans what can we do? If something happens UEFA would be responsible."

Georges said a special meeting to discuss the issue would be held in London on May 14, the day of the English FA Cup final between Liverpool and Wimbledon.

Madugalle retained as Sri Lanka captain

COLOMBO, May 4. (Reuter):

Sri Lanka, stung by the poor performances of their cricket team, are making intensive efforts to strengthen the side for their forthcoming visit to England.

But the selectors have kept faith with Ranjan Madugalle, retaining him as captain for the eight-week tour, a cricket board official said today.

Secretary Nuski Mohammed said the team's itinerary in England, to be finalised in the next few days, was expected to include one Test match, one one-

day international and matches against nine counties.

Madugalle, 28, an elegant right-hand bat, was first appointed captain last November, for the side's six-week tour of Australia in December and January.

In a limited over tournament

in the United Arab Emirates in March this year Madugalle's team were beaten by both India and New Zealand.

Concerned about these defeats, the cricket board has picked 29 of the island's best cricketers for practices before selecting the final team.

The board has also organised a

'super tournament' among four of the island's leading clubs and two other teams to be played on a League basis starting next week.

Nuski said the tournament would fill a vacuum created by the reluctance of foreign teams to visit Sri Lanka because of the island's bloody ethnic conflict.

New Zealand abruptly cut short their tour of Sri Lanka in April last year after a bomb exploded a kilometre from their hotel killing 113 people.

Earlier

Australia called off plans to tour the Island last September and again earlier this year.

"There is a big reluctance among foreign teams to come to Sri Lanka because of the security situation," Nuski said. "Big names are involved ... for them security is very important whenever they visit a country."

Lancias take lead in Corsica rally

AJACCIO, Corsica, May 4. (Reuter): French drivers Bruno Saby and Yves Loubet drove their Lancias into the first two places in the opening stage of the four-day Tour of Corsica motor rally yesterday.

In what was effectively a short

sprint prologue before the tour got under way in earnest today, the 1986 Corsican champion Saby completed the 2.68-km stage in one minute 52 seconds,

one second faster than Loubet.

Two other Frenchmen, Bernard Beguin, winner of last year's rally, and Francois Chatiron, both in BMWs, were a further second behind.

Saby said that, though the results of the short stage had little significance, he expected the

course to be the same as the 1986

Corsican rally.

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Boat enthusiasts should enjoy

the 61.1 nautical miles race, and

those who don't race will have

the opportunity to see some

specialist powerboats taking

part. Although the Dubai event

is split into classes to cater both

for high-powered racing boats

and for standard boats, it has

been decided to have just one

class for the Kuwait event.

Organisation of the previous

event was criticised by competi-

tors last year, and so, great

efforts are being made by the

organising committee, by Wael Khoury, to ensure that

the race is run efficiently and

competently, with safety always

uppermost in mind.

Control

In order to improve on last

year's race, the Arab Times and

Al Seyassah are appealing for

volunteers to help control the

racers. Those with their own

boats are particularly welcome

to come and help develop a

completely new sport in Kuwait.

Duties will not be arduous, and

will provide an excellent oppor-

tunity to see the race at closer

quarters.

Those interested should con-

tact the Arab Times for further

information.

Stage set for powerboat race

By Gail Seery

KUWAIT'S first offshore powerboat race was held in October last year. The idea was a little slow to take off, but around 20 drivers pitted their boats against difficult sea conditions, and one another.

Some of those who had entered the race decided not to venture out when they saw the size of the waves, and at the end of the race, the prizes outnumbered the finishers. However, the drivers and their friends were already talking about the next race, and about making the events twice yearly in future.

The 2nd Bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat race, sponsored by the Arab Times & Al Seyassah newspapers, will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 1pm on June 3. This year the interest shown in the event has increased considerably, and the race has attracted tempting prizes, including a Honda CRX car, and an 18ft Rodan boat and trailer. A number of Dubai-



An action shot from last year's race.

based boat racers are also considering travelling to Kuwait to compete in the event, and there will certainly be stiff competition for first place.

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